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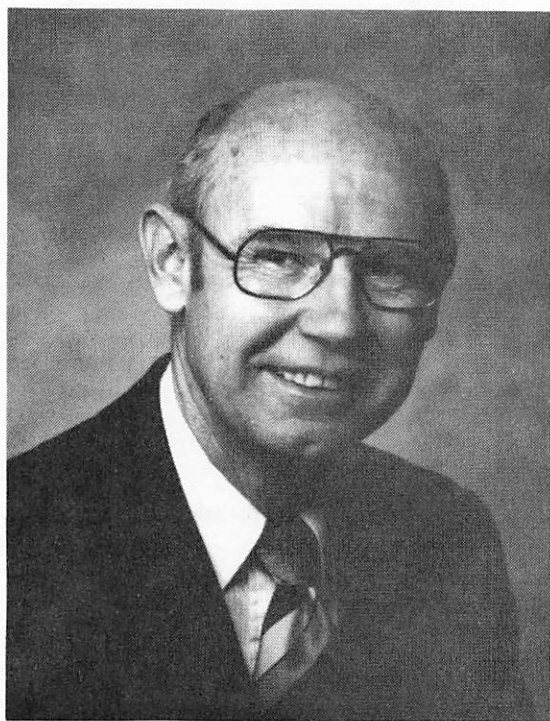
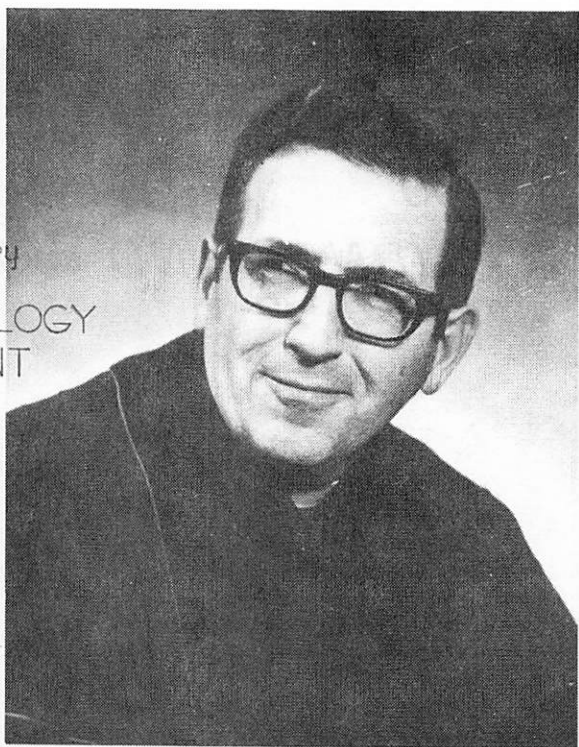
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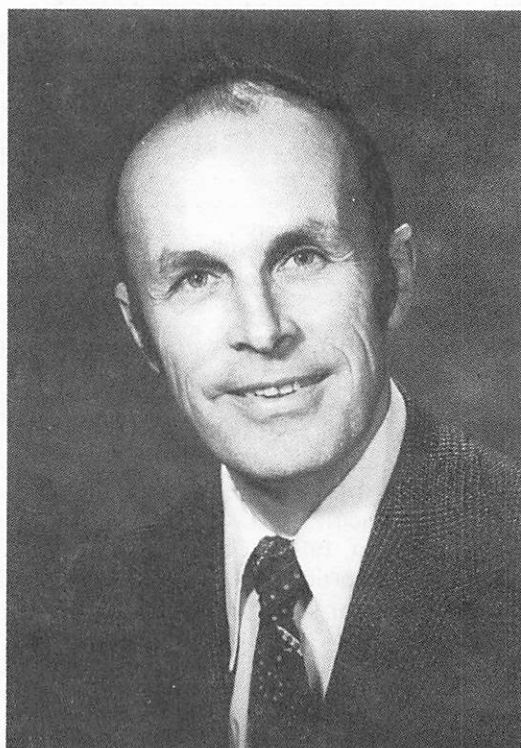


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Cranston, Charles	Rt. 2, Box 756	Soldotna 99669	262-5013
Curry, Ocia Mae	PO Box 448	Anch. 99510	272-1149
Curtis, Bonnie	3421 Perenosa Bay Dr.	Anch. 99502	344-6764

Curtis, Greg	3421 Perenosa Bay Dr.	Anch. 99502	344-6764
Curtis, Tyler	3421 Perenosa Bay Dr.	Anch. 99502	344-6764
Dahl, Thomas	9441 Kylie Circle	Anch. 99502	243-7124
Davidson, Dale	3301 Iliamna	Anch. 99503	243-4884
DeBlasio, Ruby	22319 Marine View, S.	Des Moines, WA 98188	
Delp, Joan	283 Muldoon Rd., 231	Anch. 99504	272-9251
DeVore, Betty	SRA Box 1584 W.	Anch. 99508	349-4908
DeVore, Howard	SRA Box 1584 W.	Anch. 99508	349-4908
Dorn, Jim	Box 3153	Juneau 99803	586-6404
DuBois, Max	Box 581	Juneau 99802	586-9562
Dyer, Bob	Box 907	Juneau 99802	586-2939
Eaton, Barbara	4836 Pavalof	Anch. 99507	344-5450
Edwards, Arthur	2300 Oak Dr.	Anch. 99504	277-1052
Edwards, Joyce	2008 Dimond Dr.	Anch. 99506	344-5202
Eicher, Greg	Box 50	Chugiak 99567	688-2353
Eldridge, Tom	Rt. 5 Box 5223-8	Juneau 99803	789-0073
Fisher, Bob	Rt. 6, Box 6087	Juneau 99803	789-7641
Fison, Aleen	SRA Box 33L	Anch. 99507	349-4794
Fison, David	SRA Box 33L	Anch. 99507	349-4794
Floerchinger, William	3911 72nd Ct.	Anch. 99502	243-5877
Forney, John	SRA Box 1790	Anch. 99507	344-3025
Froula, Diane	5010 Abbott Dr.	Anch. 99507	344-3020
Froula, Donna	5010 Abbott Dr.	Anch. 99507	344-3020
Garvin, John	1200 E. 27th Ave.	Anch. 99504	276-4515
Gibson, Kathy	SR 30720	Fair. 99701	456-6183
Gorman, Pat	Box 922	Auke Bay 99821	
Gotschall, Marion	Box 427	Juneau 99802	586-3123
Griffin, Corinne	RR 6, Box 6309	Juneau 99803	789-0451
Gross, Maynard	Box 1314	Homer 99603	235-7330
Haight, Richard	Box 242	Auke Bay 99821	789-9392
Hays, Lydia	SRA Box 4110	Anch. 99502	344-1096
Hays, Walter	1200 E. 27th Ave.	Anch. 99504	276-4515
Hartman, Don	3833 Strawberry Rd.	Anch. 99502	243-2146
Havens, Reeves	725 9th Ave.	Anch. 99501	272-2112
Hawkins, Mary	Box 200	Ninilchik 99369	567-3953
Heacock, Richard	915 2nd	Fair. 99701	452-2956
Hollett, Mary Lou	SRA Box 81-H	Anch. 99507	344-4654
Holway, Dennis	Box 1719	Soldotna 99669	262-4657
Holway, Susie	Box 1719	Soldotna 99669	262-4958
Inman, Marianne	7-370 A 'J' St.	Elmendorf AFB 99506	753-0284
Irrigoo, Marilyn	Box 9	Nome 99762	443-2854
Ivie, Juanita	475 Riverside Dr.	NY, NY 10115	
Jacoby, Maggie	Box 922	Auke Bay 99821	
Jacoby, Steve	Box 922	Auke Bay 99821	
Jantz, Merle	SR Box 61000	Fair. 99701	488-2903

Jewell, Paul	493 State St. N.W.	Bend, OR 97701	
Keil, Don	4031 Crossan Dr.	Anch. 99503	243-5408
Kelsey, Claudia	Box 272	Juneau 99801	789-7354
Klaver, Claude	Box 5614	N. Pole 99705	488-9191
Knight, Arthur	Box 509	Douglas 99824	364-2408
Knight, LuDean	Box 509	Douglas 99824	364-2408
Kussart, Janet	425 Kennedy	Juneau 99802	586-6457
LaBau, Jim	1123 Ril Circle	Anch. 99504	337-2842
Lawhorn, Mary Lou	Box 688	Anch. 99510	333-6827
Lowery, Doug	1021 Kodiak St.	Fair. 99701	456-4861
Lowery, Sally	1021 Kodiak St.	Fair. 99701	456-4861
Luginbill, Betty	2215 Maple Ave. Apt. F2	Evanston, IL 60201	
Lunas, Terry	Box 137	Sitka 99835	747-3980
MacFarlane, Mary	SR 31204	Fair. 99701	456-1611
McClinton, Mary	Box 391	Douglas 99824	
McDonald, Eleanor	Box 1387	Seward 99664	224-5413
McGlothlin, Leo	1725 Skilak Cir.	Anch. 99504	333-7104
McNabb, Bob	1161 SW 12th St.	Ontario, OR 97914	
Maddux, Sarah	9341 Bothwell	Anch. 99502	243-6130
Maier, Frank	RR 5, Box 5558	Juneau 99803	789-9229
Marshall, Ruth	1341 Hillcrest Dr.	Anch. 99503	277-9346
Mash, Joe	3500 Cherry St.	Anch. 99504	337-3416
Means, David	Box 6994	Ketchikan 99901	225-4543
Moore, Sandra	SRA Box 615	Anch. 99507	344-8706
Murray, Jamie	429 Ketchikan	Fair. 99701	456-7093
Nauman, Jon	Box 49	Chugiak 99567	688-2734
Nelson, Lee	1912 E. 38th Ave.	Anch. 99504	276-4775
Nelson, Marvis	4016 James Way	Anch. 99504	333-7363
Nothstein, Sophie	8101 Harvest Cr.	Anch. 99502	349-9153
Oakley, Jane	Box 216	Chugiak 99567	688-2356
Olds, Glenn	Wesley Dr.	Anch. 99504	276-8181
Ouding, Elnora	Box 793	Seward 99664	224-3808
Pelch, Mildred	Box 456	Seward 99664	224-5624
Perry, Lina	1621 Sunrise Dr.	Anch. 99504	279-4367
Ringenburg, Priscilla	Box 1015	Nome 99762	443-2456
Roberts, Bruce	1912 Talkeetna	Anch. 99504	277-0841
Robison, Olive	7526 E. 17th Ave.	Anch. 99504	333-5605
Robison, Roger	1666 Paterson St.	Anch. 99504	333-6611
Rucker, Ron	2329 St. Elias	Anch. 99503	248-4616
Russell, Dawn	2070 Tudor Hills	Anch. 99507	349-3819
Sacaloff, Nick Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 820	Kenai 99611	776-8329
Saito, Lincoln	Box 4584	Mt. Edgecumbe 99835	966-2940
Saulala, Lanuola	325 Irwin, no. 7	Anch. 99504	278-3856
Scarborough, Judy	SR Box 10219	Fair. 99701	479-3412



Senungetuk, Joe	304 Bunnell St.	Anch. 99504	337-6758
Senungetuk, Helen	Box 363	Nome 99762	443-2446
Senungetuk, Willie	Box 363	Nome 99762	443-2446
Shaffer, Barbara	Box 907	Nome 99762	443-2865
Shaffer, John	Box 907	Nome 99762	443-2865
Shepard, Bea	Box 272	Juneau 99801	789-7354
Smay, Bob	Box 10-235 S. Stat.	Anch. 99511	344-2327
Smith, Julia	Box 909	Sitka 99835	747-6333
Snyder, Charlotte	4802 Lake Otis Pkwy.	Anch. 99507	349-1744
Sparks, Bish. Maynard	5401 Cabrillo Way	Sacramento, CA	95820
Stanton, Blythe	4869 Knights Way	Anch. 99504	333-4862
Stanton, Ed Rm. 203,	501 W. Northern Lights	Anch. 99503	274-1571
Stanton, Roland	3818 Fairview	Ketchikan 99901	225-3406
Stassel, Jean	911 R. St.	Anch. 99501	277-2108
Stokes, Richard	RR 4, Box 4400	Juneau 99803	789-9069
Thompson, Mary	Box 222	Homer 99603	235-8645
Timbers, Rose Ann	Box 98	Nome 99762	443-5259
Tindell, Bee	1782 Evergreen	Juneau 99802	586-2319
Tindell, Cynthia	1782 Evergreen	Juneau 99802	586-2319
Tindell, John	Box 186	Juneau 99802	586-3131
Townshend, Jack	Yukon Dr. W. Ridge	Fair. 99701	479-2898
Trudeau, Bill	3300 Northern Lights	Anch. 99503	243-3963
Trudeau, Danita	3212 W. 29th Ave.	Anch. 99503	243-1711
Tuell, Bishop Jack	5250 Santa Monica Bd.	Los Angeles, CA	90029
Turpin, Hope	SRA Box 1463 M	Anch. 99502	349-3037
Vining, Ivan	UCM, 306 Constitution	Hall, U. of A.	Fair. 99701
Vostry, Mel	SR 1, Box 404	Kenai 99611	776-8732
Wade, Bradley	Box 428	Kenai 99611	283-7868
Walton, Jim	2014 Crataegus Cir.	Anch. 99504	279-9918
Ward, Don	APU, Wesley Dr.	Anch. 99504	276-8181
Wells, Robert	SR Box 80470	Fair. 99701	488-6955
Wescott, Leo	Box 809	Soldotna 99669	262-4901
Willis, Lorealee	5010 Seton Cir.	Anch. 99504	337-7202
Wilson, Betty	659 Main St.	Ketchikan 99901	225-5231
Wischmeier, AC	2308 N. Cole Rd.	Boise, ID	83704
Wise, Kathleen	Box 332	Homer 99603	235-8528
Wise, Keith	Box 332	Homer 99603	235-8528
Wise, Patricia	Box 332	Homer 99603	235-8528
Wood, Arlene	3416 W. 83rd	Anch. 99502	243-3610
Woods, Murden	330 Ellis, Rm. 501	San Francisco, CA	94102
Wooster, Marjorie	7342 Madelynne Way	Anch. 99504	333-8559
Young, Charles	SR 40018	Fair. 99701	456-2025

## ***F. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES***

David Collins (St. John Church, Anch.)	1528 Church Street	Lyons, WI 53148
Judy Crane (Turnagain, Anch.)	Turnagain UMC 3300 Northern Lights	Anchorage, AK 99503
Terence Erbele (Seward)	Box 389	Newberg, OR 97132
Tom Larson (Northern Light, Juneau)	263 S. Cottage St.	Vale, OR 97918
Donna Loman (Turnagain, Anch.)	Turnagain UMC 330 Northern Lights	Anchorage 99503
Ernest Smith (Northern Light, Juneau)	Box 739	Weedsport, NY 13166
Anne Weld-Martin (Turnagain, Anch.)	6427 Knott Blvd.	El Cerrito, CA 94530

## ***G. GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL DELEGATES***

Delegates to the 1980 General Conference:

Lay - Larry Bennett; Ministerial - John Shaffer

Delegates to the 1980 Jurisdictional Conference (in addition to the two persons already named):

Lay - Barbara Shaffer; Ministerial - Keith Wise; Reserve Lay Delegates - Sally Lowery, Roland Stanton; Reserve Ministerial Candidates - Donald Hartman, Edmund Stanton.

## ***H. CONFERENCE PENSION CLAIMANTS***

### **RETIRED MINISTERS**

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Cox, Wm. Arthur	3109 Bryn Mawr	Irving, TX 75062
Foster, William		
Groseclose, Bruce	Rt. 1, Box 401	Manson, WA 99831
Havens, Reeves	2527 Glenwood St.	Anchorage, AK 99504
Matson, Archie	897-D Ronda Sevilla	Laguna Hills, CA 92653
Murphree, Quincy	1937 23rd Cir.	Hondo, TX 78851
Olsen, Oscar	15 N. Western Ave.	Wenatchee, WA 98801
Peters, Warren	Box 625	Little River, CA 95456
Porter, J. Philip	Box 563	Monteagle, TN 37356
Purviance, Albert		

Roach, Revelle  
Weaver, Grace M.

383 NE Beech  
United Meth. Home  
1625 Center St. NE

Toledo, OR 97391  
Salem, OR 97301

#### SURVIVING SPOUSES OF MINISTERS:

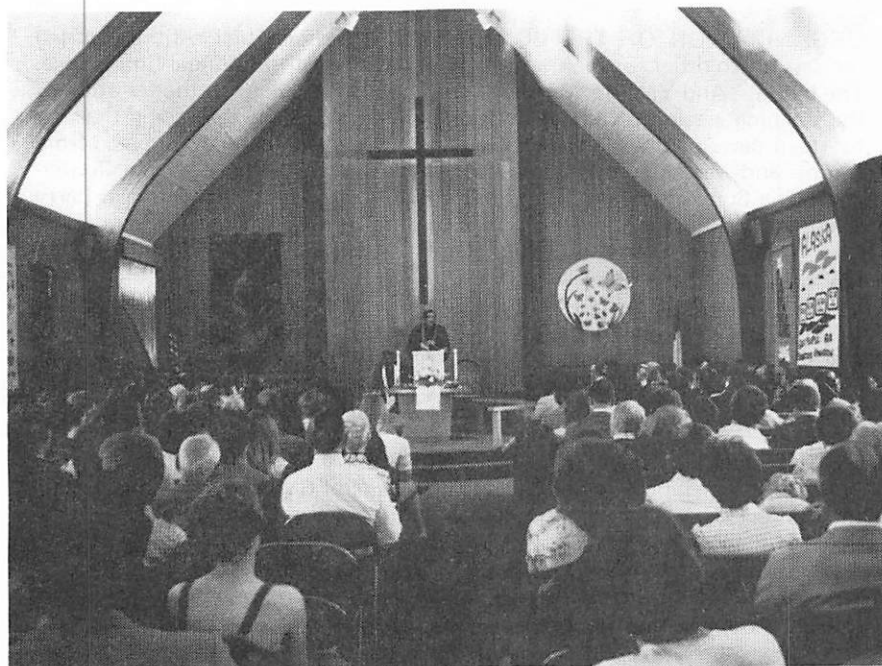
Decker Florence  
Groves, Esther  
Hatten, Myrtle  
Irwin, Martha  
King, Millie  
Knight, Gertrude  
Mason, Herma  
Matthews, Marion  
Newton, Maude

Wesley Gardens  
3415 SE Chicago  
Wesley Terrace  
1941-3 Benita Dr.  
1313 N. Lafayette Ave.  
Wesley Gardens  
27230 Oakmont Rd.  
1001 Middleford Rd.  
1911 N. Centennial  
Apt. 1909-A  
276 Edgemont  
5315 SW Shore Pl.  
13505 SE River Rd.  
Apt. 252  
Box 25

Des Moines, WA 98188  
Albany, OR 97321  
Des Moines, WA 98188  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
Bremerton, WA 98310  
Des Moines, WA 98188  
Valley Center, CA 92082  
Seaford, DE 19973  
High Point, NC 27260  
San Bernardino, CA 92404  
Seattle, WA 98116  
Milwaukee, OR 97222  
Dillingham, AK 99576

Skidmore, Betty  
Walker, Icel  
Warner, Ruth

Whittern, Helen



## IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

(Note: Actions of the Conference, reported as recommendations through the General Committees, are contained in this Journal in Section VII. Reports received through the General Committees or to the Conference are contained in this Journal in Section V. Recommendations and reports are printed as amended or corrected.)

### THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 5

**MEMORIAL SERVICE AND COMMUNION--** The memorial service and communion was held at First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks. Rev. Edmund B. Stanton and Rev. Betty Luginbill were the liturgists. Rev. Paul Jewell gave the sermon, "Hugs". The Conference Secretary read the roll of those memorialized. The offering was received for the Navajo Methodist Mission. Bishop Jack M. Tuell and Rev. Edmund Stanton were the celebrants for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**ORIENTATION SESSION--** Bishop Tuell, Ed. Stanton, and Larry Bennett, Conference Lay Leader, led the orientation session. Ed Stanton introduced each of the members of the Conference, delegates, and guests.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 5

**ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE--** Bishop Tuell officially called the session to order for the transaction of business of the Annual Conference. The hymn, "And Yet Are We Alive" was sung in keeping with the tradition of the opening sessions. The bar of the Conference was set to include the first fourteen pews of the sanctuary. Greetings to the Conference were read from Bishop and Mrs. Maynard Sparks and the California-Nevada Annual Conference. The Superintendent introduced the following to the Conference: Larry Bennett, Conference Lay Leader; his parents, Fred and Dorothy Bennett of New York; Jack Townsend; Lula Garrett, Assistant General Secretary, who has responsibilities with Alaska; and Juanita Ivie, Field Representative from the Office of Finance and Field Service. The body moved to send greetings to: Mrs. Everett Palmer, Mrs. Meredith Groves, Rev. Ac and Irene Wischmeier, and the ministerial candidates. Bishop Tuell presented a check for the Alaska Missionary Conference from the United Methodist Publishing House in the amount of \$201.86.

**REPORT ON GENERAL CONFERENCE--** Larry Bennett and John Shaffer presented their report as delegates to the General Conference. In addition to their verbal reports, they presented an audio-visual presentation of the highlights of the Conference.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT--** Ed Stanton presented the Superintendent's Report. (See Reports)

**REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER--** Larry Bennett presented his last Conference Lay Leader's report. Bishop Tuell expressed his appreciation to Larry for his work as Lay Leader. The Conference moved to express thanks to Larry Bennett for his commitment and service to the Conference

and local churches as the Conference Lay Leader. (See Reports)

**GENERAL COMMITTEES--** Following announcements, the Conference met in General Committee until dinner.

#### THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 5

**WORSHIP SERVICE--** Joyce and Art Edwards were the liturgists. Dr. J. Harry Haines, Associate General Secretary, United Methodist Committee on Relief, gave the sermon: "What is the Holy Spirit saying to the Churches?" Following the worship service, the Bishop's reception was held at the Scott residence.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 6

**WORSHIP--** The service was based on worship experiences from the General Conference. John Shaffer and Larry Bennett were the liturgists. John Shaffer presented reflections from his experiences at General Conference. The Conference was hosted at New Hope Church, North Pole. Bob Wells, lay delegate, reported on the re-construction of the present building. The building was formerly a recreation center at Pump Station 8, located twenty miles from the church site. The 5 acres of land were donated. The 2000 square foot building was purchased, moved, and remodeled for under \$25,000.

**REPORT OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN--** The United Methodist Women reported on their purpose, history, and issues by a format of a television talk show. (See Reports)

**REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES--** Joyce Edwards, CCOM Coordinator, presented the report. The Plan for Goal Setting, 1980-81, was shared to inform the Conference of the direction of goal setting and evaluation during this Conference year. (See Reports)

**PETITION TO JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE--** John Shaffer presented the following petition:

##### Petition to the 1980 Jurisdictional Conference

Whereas Paragraph 505 of the Book of Discipline authorizes the Western Jurisdiction to elect a sixth bishop due to the size of our areas, and

Whereas the circumstances are not deemed appropriate to divide the Pacific and Southwest Annual Conference into two areas at this time, and

Whereas there is a need for a sixth bishop to share the load of general church responsibilities, as well as to facilitate the episcopal supervision of the areas in the Western Jurisdiction, and

Whereas the election and assignment of a resident bishop for Alaska, even for one quadrennium, would facilitate the work

of development for church extension in Alaska and the strong re-establishment of Alaska Pacific University, as well as the strengthening of other institutions and the programs in the local churches of our 586,000 square mile conference.

Therefore, the Alaska Missionary Conference respectfully petitions the Western Jurisdictional Conference to elect a sixth bishop in the 1980 Jurisdictional Conference and to assign a bishop to serve as resident bishop of Alaska.

John moved to adopt this petition requesting a count vote. The petition was adopted by a vote of 31-yes, 15 -no.

**REPORT OF THE EQUITABLE SALARY COMMITTEE** -- Sally Lowery presented the report of the Commission and a review of the work of the Commission during the past quadrennium. The recommendations of the Commission were approved as amended. (See Recommendations)

Bishop Tuell expressed his thanks to Sally for her work on the Commission and the Conference gave applause in appreciation for her contribution.

Bishop Tuell acknowledged that Judith Bither-Terry was not appointed to a church in the AMC and therefore unable to vote. He then appointed Judy as "Associate Pastor of Seward, Moose Pass, and Cooper Landing" and she thereby was able to vote on Conference business.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 6

**THE REPORT OF THE ALASKA NATIVE MINISTRIES COMMITTEE** -- Esther Combs presented the report of the Committee. The recommendation was adopted. (See Recommendations)

**COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION** -- Barbara Shaffer presented changes in the proposed budget.

**REPORT ON THE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE** -- Ed Stanton reported that the Committee met during the year and that no additional work was planned until actions of General Conference were considered. The Conference moved that the Committee on Reference and Counsel and the Structure Committee be enacted to form a four-committee structure of General Committees for the 1981 Annual Conference.

A motion was approved to establish the "petition model" for local church, individuals, and committees to petition items of business to the Conference to be referred to the General Committees for study and report. These petitions are to be at the Conference Office by April 15 of each year.

**REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** -- Claudia Kelsey presented the award. Estelle Roach was presented the "Historian of the Year Award" for her work with the Pederson Memorial Room and historical collection at the Seward Memorial Church. (See Reports)

**REPORT OF LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY--** Larry Bennett presented the report. (See Reports)

The recommendations of the Conference Lay Leader were presented with changes and adopted. (See Recommendations)

The recommendation on Leadership Development was presented and adopted into the Lay Leader's recommendations.

A Petition from Bill Trudeau to study the possibility of creating a common Annual Conference between Hawaii and Alaska was presented and amended to read:

Whereas the status of Missionary Conferences seem to be a transition arrangement to other, more permanent organizations; and

Whereas the Alaska Missionary Conference has considered Provisional status, district status related to another Conference; and

Whereas we have voted to endorse the idea of a Bishop for the Alaska Missionary Conference; and

Whereas we expect and hope to move to eventual Annual Conference status; and

Wherein we will continue to be a numerically small Conference for many years; and

Wherein we have a common mission status with the state of Hawaii; and

Wherein we have an ethnic minority population in common with Hawaii; and

Whereas Alaska Pacific University has broken ground for common university effort between Alaska and Hawaii;

Therefore we resolve that the Alaska Missionary Conference instructs its delegates to the 1980 Jurisdictional Conference to have preliminary discussions with Pacific and Southwest Conference delegates and pending the results of those discussions to report to the 1981 session of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

**PETITION TO GENERAL BOARD OF PENSIONS--** A motion to petition the General Board of Pensions to consider ways to invest Pension Funds to facilitate loans for church extension through the United Methodist Development Fund was approved.

**REPORT OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES GENERAL COMMITTEE--** Bob Smay



presented the report.

The recommendations on Ecumenical Affairs were amended and adopted. (See Recommendations)

Bob Smay and Jim Buffington presented a combined report of the Church Extension Committee and the Stewardship Cultivation Committee. These two committees presented one report concerning church extension and the capital fund drive. A motion to defer this item until Saturday, June 7, was accepted.

#### FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 6

**WORSHIP SERVICE--** Chuck Young and students from the United Campus Ministry were the liturgists. The format of the worship was based on the worship pattern used by the United Campus Ministry at Fairbanks. Dr. Harry Haines spoke on the theme, "Mission in the Eighties - A Call to Renewal". Following the worship, receptions were held at the homes of the Bennett's and Jewell's.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 7

**WORSHIP--** Ty and Bonnie Curtis were the worship leaders. Dr. Harry Haines' message was titled "A Lifestyle of Christian Faithfulness". Dr. Haines presented the film, "The Voice of Conscience". This portrays the 40 years of service of the UMCOR.

Bishop Tuell presented to the Conference a Certificate of Appreciation for the support of the Black Colleges of the United Methodist Church.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN--** Jean Stassel and members of the Committee presented a verbal report.

**REPORT ON EVANGELISM--** Bill Trudeau presented the report. (See Reports) The recommendations were presented and approved as amended. (See Recommendations)

**REPORT OF ETHNIC MINORITY TASK FORCE--** Greg Eicher reported that the Conference study emphasis for this year on Ethnic Minority is now keyed into the denominational Missional Priority "Ethnic Minority Local Church". Helen Senungetuk sang the hymn "Higher Ground" in her native language. Grace Arai, Nu Salala, and Lincoln Saito presented concerns. The film "One in the Lord" was shown to the Conference.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 7

**REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS CRUSADE--** Jim Buffington presented the report and the following motion was unanimously approved:

That the amount of \$150,000.00 be set as the goal to be raised by the United Methodist Churches for the priorities as submitted by the joint report of the Church Extension and Stewardship Cultivation Committee

with consideration being given to the establishment of new ministries that reach out to or demonstrate a commitment to ethnic minorities. This campaign shall be under the supervision of Juanita Ivie of the Office of Finance and Field Service.

Jim announced that the campaign was beginning with pledges of \$11,000.00 as of this moment! (See Recommendations)

**REPORT ON DISCIPLESHIP GENERAL COMMITTEE--** Oliver Auchenpaugh presented the report.

The recommendation from the Communications Committee was approved as amended. John Garvin has offered to place the Alaska Children's Service's video-tape unit in the Conference Office for a one year loan.

The Conference Council on Youth Ministries recommendations were approved as amended. (See Recommendations) Kathleen Wise, CCYM President, presented the youth report. (See Reports)

The Education recommendations were approved as amended. (See Recommendations) The Missionger recommendations were approved as changed. (See Recommendations) The Discipleship Committee recommended and it was approved that all General Committee reports should be printed in the Conference Journal.

**REPORT ON NOME COMMUNITY CENTER--** Helen Senungetuk submitted the written report to the Conference. (See Reports)

**REPORT ON THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY GENERAL COMMITTEE--** Olive Robison presented the report and the recommendations from the committee. The reports were received as submitted. (See Reports)

The Legislative Action recommendations were presented and adopted. The recommendations on Criminal Justice were amended and adopted. The Hunger Task Force recommendations were amended and adopted with special recognition of The Food Bank of Alaska, Inc., based in Anchorage.

The recommendations of Religion and Race were adopted. The recommendations concerning Family and the Church were adopted. The recommendation on Refugees was received and adopted. The recommendation on Draft Counseling was adopted. The recommendation on the National Peace Academy Campaign was adopted. The recommendation on Registration and the Draft was amended by a substitute motion from the youth delegation and adopted. The recommendations on Homosexuality were presented, amended, and adopted. (See Recommendations)

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS--** Ed Stanton, Chairperson, presented the nominations. Additional nominations were submitted from the floor. A motion was adopted to authorize the Committee on Nominations to fill any vacancies with these nominations to be confirmed by the Conference Council on Ministries. Sandra Moore, the new Conference Lay Leader, was introduced to the Conference.

**REPORT OF THE JURISDICTIONAL DELEGATES NOMINATING COMMITTEE--** John Shaffer submitted nominations to be submitted to the Jurisdictional Nominating Committee. Additional nominations were submitted and the ballot was cast.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE ORDAINED MINISTRY--** The report was presented by Jim Biffington and was adopted. The recommendation to appoint a task force to prepare and review the pros and cons of clergy membership in the Alaska Missionary Conference as provided by action of the General Conference was adopted. (See Reports and Recommendations) It was moved that a letter of recommendation be sent by the Secretary to the Oregon-Idaho Conference Board of Ordained Ministry in support of the deacon ordination of Terry Erberle of Seward, Alaska. The motion carried.

**REPORT ON ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY--** Dr. Glenn Olds reported that the enrollment of the University for the fall term of 1980 is currently at 263 F.T.E. (Full-time equivalency). (See Reports)

**REPORT ON ALASKA CHILDREN' SERVICES--** John Garvin and Walt Hays presented the report. Highlighted event for 1980 was the double anniversary: the 90th anniversary of the Jesse Lee Home and the 10th anniversary of the Alaska Children' Services. (See Reports)

**REPORT ON WESLEYAN NURSING HOME--** Revelle Roach presented the report as prepared by Mildred L. Pelch, Administrator. (See Reports)

**RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF REVELLE ROACH--** Bishop Tuell called Revelle and Estelle Roach to the front of the church and expressed with gratitude a thank you for the service of both Revelle and Estelle. Revelle is honored for 39 years of ministry in the United Methodist Church, and a total of 44 years in the ministry.

**REPORT ON THE CONTINUING CONSULTATION COMMITTEE--** Bill Trudeau shared the history and work of the National Division. (See Reports)

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION--** It was moved to send a letter of appreciation to the University Campus Ministry for hosting the Conference on the evening of June 6.

**REPORT ON THE BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF NOMINEES TO THE JURISDICTIONAL NOMINATING POOL--** Bishop Tuell announced that the election of the nominees has been completed. (See Reports) A motion to add nominations to the pool as they are named from the churches was adopted.

**REPORT ON THE COUNCIL OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION--** Barbara Shaffer presented the budget for the year of 1981. The corrected budget was unanimously approved without discussion. The recommendations of the Council were adopted as amended. (See Financial Reports)

**REPORT ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES--** Bea Shepard presented the report. The title of the property of the Girdwood Church is now held by the AMC Trustees. The methods for transferring property from the National Divi-

sion to the Conference and to local churches are being negotiated with the National Division.

**CONVENING THE CONFERENCE AS A CORPORATE SESSION FOR BUSINESS--** A motion was approved to convene as a corporate session for official business of the Trustees. Bea Shepard moved "that the Alaska Missionary Conference will transfer the title of the proposed Bayshore church property from the Alaska Missionary Conference to the Bayshore United Methodist Church." The motion was adopted. The corporate session was adjourned.

The Conference re-convened and by motion from the floor ratified the preceding action of the Corporate Session. The Trustees transferred the "Title Conveyance Paper" to the Pastor and lay delegate of the Bayshore Church.

**1981 CONFERENCE SESSIONS--** Invitations were received from Turnagain UMC and Homer UMC to host the 1981 Annual Conference. The Homer Church invitation was accepted by a vote of the Conference.

A motion was made and amended that subsequent to the 1981 Annual Conference, the AMC as a matter of policy conduct its Annual Conference in Anchorage two years out of each quadrennium. The rationale for this policy is to limit the cost to persons who must travel great distances. The stewardship of natural resources and the utilization of Conference funds for programs must be kept in balance.

By consensus, it was agreed to recommend to the new Bishop that the Annual Conference Sessions be set after the closing of the public schools in June.

The Seward Church extends an invitation to the churches of Conference to the diamond jubilee anniversary of the Seward Church, October 25-26, 1980.

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT--** It was moved that, following the reading of the appointments on Sunday, June 8, the Conference would adjourn sine die. The motion was approved.

**APPRECIATION--** Jim Buffington gave the following report:

On behalf of the Alaska Missionary Conference, we thank our hosts and leaders of the Ninth Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference. In particular, thanks to Paul and Ardie Jewell, Betty Luginbill, and Bill Butts, Larry Bennett, and all the members of the First United Methodist Church of Fairbanks. Thanks to Claude, Joan, Claudia Klaver and Bob Wells and all the members of the New Hope Church of North Pole. Thanks to Chuck and Margaret Young and the students of the United Campus Ministry.

We express our thanks to Ed and Blythe Stanton, Jack and Marji Tuell. Thanks to Dr. Harry Haines of UMCOR for his inspiring and moving messages. Thanks to Lula Garrett and Juanita Ivie for attending the Conference and sharing their skills. Thanks to Ruby DeBlasio for bringing her traveling bookstore. Our appreciation to all the members of this Confer-

ence who worked with dedication to make this a meaningful Conference. Thank you from all of us to all of you.

**GENERAL COMMITTEES--** General Committees met until the dinner hour.

### SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 7

**BANQUET--** The banquet was held at the First Presbyterian Church. Larry Bennett was the master of ceremonies. Musical entertainment was provided by the Presbyterian Korean Choir and Fairbanks Light Opera Theater Showcase.

Bishop Tuell presented the State of the Church address. (See Reports) Recognition of Lay Speakers was led by Larry Bennett. The Conference officers were installed by Ed Stanton.

Gifts of appreciation were given to Bishop and Marji Tuell. A scholarship is being established in their names at Alaska Pacific University. Gifts were given to pastors and spouses who are leaving the Alaska Missionary Conference. Ruth Peterson, secretary of Bishop Tuell and secretary to the Portland area bishops for 28 years, was given a Christmas totem pole.

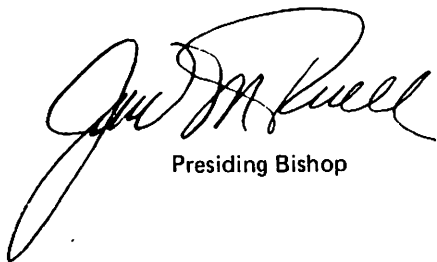
### SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 8

**LOVE FEAST--** John Forney led the service. Hymns, prayers, testimony, and food were share together in this traditional service.

**WORSHIP SERVICE--** Rev. Paul Jewell was the liturgist. Bishop Tuell gave the ordination sermon. Gergory Lane Eicher was presented for ordination as an elder in the United Methodist Church. The conferring of the order of "elder" was given by the laying on of hands and the charge by the Bishop was given. The Bishop then gave a copy of the Scriptures to Greg and charged him to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments. The Bishop placed a stole around the neck of the new elder as a symbol of that office.

After reading of the appointments, Greg Eicher gave the blessing.

The Conference adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



Presiding Bishop



Conference Secretary

## V. REPORTS TO THE CONFERENCE

### A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Edmund B. Stanton

When Snow White's wicked stepmother looked into the mirror and asked, "Who is the fairest of them all?", the mirror answered with a voice of truth (instead of simply an audio answer.) Now, however, our mirrors are more up to date in providing a visual answer when we look into them to ask, "Who is the fairest of them all?" When we stand before the mirror and ask, "Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who is the fairest Conference of them all?" we see the true answer. We are, of course, the Alaska Missionary Conference, for we see ourselves!

With the truth of that answer firmly in mind and not worrying whether we are asking the right questions or the right mirror, this is what I see in the glass as the Alaska Missionary Conference stands before it. I see a body small in stature, but young and healthy; strong and aggressive. Statistically we stand here at 3500 members, plus the children and constituents in our twenty-three active churches. Ten per cent of us are new members of the Alaska Missionary Conference churches during 1979. As I compared this number of new members with other conferences (using their 1978 figures) the only conference with a higher percentage of new members in 1978 was the Alaska Missionary Conference with 11.2% new to the churches during that year. Of the new members who joined our churches in 1979, one hundred and thirty nine joined by profession of faith with Jewel Lake adding 14% by profession of faith. Two hundred and two of our new members came by transfer, with Bayshore reporting 27 out of 30 by transfer and Soldotna added 13% to its membership by transfer. While we were adding 341 people to our church, both Anchorage First and Chugiak lost nearly 1 out of every 7 members during 1979. These were also the two churches with the greatest increase in attendance. During 1979, twelve members of churches died, other conferences across the country lost three and a half times this ratio, reflecting the youthfulness of Alaskan churches, especially when one considers the tragically young age at which so many Alaskans meet death. In summary, we gained 92 members in 1979, a net gain of 2%.

Our average attendance was 1571 per week, an average increase of one-sixth person per week in each church. Actually only 10 churches showed any gain at all in average attendance. Still we have a number equal to 50.9% of our membership in worship and only Red Bird and North Dakota Conferences top us in this. Half of our churches top the national average of 252 members each, with our Conference average church size being 150 members each. Eight of our churches top the national average attendance of 92 per week.

During 1979, there were fewer baptisms by 20%. Both Soldotna and North Pole celebrated the baptism of numbers equal to 10% of their membership. It has been especially exciting to see the number of youth and adults receiving the Sacrament of Christian Baptism in recent months. Attendance at church school classes shows an increase of 5% with not one conference outside of the Southeastern part of the United States topping our ratio of church school attendance to church membership! Anchor Park doubled its Sunday school attendance and Ketchikan added 50% (not counting the Presbyterians with

whom they had been sharing church school and last summer's worship experiences.

The last part of this statistical look at the "the fairest of them all" is financial. It shows that our church total expenses in 1979 were up over \$250,000, a 27% increase over 1978. We are a high income group compared with the rest of the nation! In 1979 we gave \$343.62 per member (nearly two and two-thirds times the per member giving in the rest of the nation of United Methodists). We gave \$677.21 per average attendant in worship, 91% more than the average giving per attendant in the rest of the nation's United Methodist churches.

In the past three years we have given over \$178,000 to the Pension, over \$50 per member. It is remarkable to see that in the three years since 1976, before the Crusade started, we have not only given \$178,000 to Pensions, but we have also increased our giving to benevolences and conference administration, etc. -- giving to causes outside of our local churches -- from \$85,000 in 1976 to \$141,000 in 1979, a total increase of 66% (or a total of \$102,000 more than if we had continued our benevolence giving at the 1976 level). During this time, we increased our giving to operate our local churches (not counting building expenses) a total of 54%, increasing our spending from \$436,000 in 1976 to \$673,000 in 1979, an increase of over \$236,000 in this third year alone over the 1976 level. And while giving \$178,000 to pensions, we gave \$488,000 of our money for building, remodeling and maintaining in our churches with the 1979 figure more than double the 1976 figure for church building expense.

I know you have to be something of a statistical nut to comprehend all of these numbers, but the view I have shows us as small and vigorous and, in case you didn't catch the drift, I am awfully proud of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

During this past Conference year, North Pole has moved into its modular church building on November 18, and the Sitka pastor's family has moved into a lovely new parsonage after the first of the year. We congratulate these congregations on their new buildings. The Douglas Church continues to work toward the completion of a major renovation and church extension program. Less extensive work was done at Anchorage First Church as the twenty year old basement was finally finished and Turnagain altered some space and moved its offices. North Kenai added a room to their mobile home parsonage and Anchor Park renovated its kitchen and fellowship hall. In all but the Sitka and Anchor Park projects, the willing hands and skill of Loman Young made these improvements possible. In Douglas and Anchorage, Enid was also present to help with her skills in painting. In the months ahead we look forward to moving of the Girdwood Church to sit correctly on the site which was purchased this year and the building of another log cabin at Birchwood is planned with Loman's help.

First Church Anchorage rejoiced as they celebrated the Burning of the Mortgage. The Fairbanks congregation, along with providing major help for the North Pole Church, is struggling with plans for major renovations. St. John, Soldotna, North Star and Bayshore are contemplating building sanctuary units and the Homer congregation has grown, as it used its new wing for the first year since last Conference.

But more than the statistics and building, our church is people. Let me highlight a few of the more notable events in the lives of parsonage families and in the churches: this was the year that the Holways of Soldotna increased



their family by 25% and the Vostries of North Kenai by 100% with the birth of Blake and the marriage of Mel and Debbie respectively. The Knights of Kenai became grandparents for the first time. We shared with the Roaches in the death of an infant great-grandchild and of the tragic accidental death of their granddaughter. The Auchenpaughs had a son married, Betty Luginbill and the Stantons had children graduate from college and the Stanton's son and daughter-in-law also graduated from seminary. The Klavers had two children graduating from high school. We celebrate the high ratio of seminarians from Alaska and offer congratulations to David Collins and Terry Erberle who graduate this year. We also celebrate the marriage of Anne Weld to Wayne Martin in April and wish godspeed to Bill Brooks, Judy Crane and Donna Lowman as they begin seminary careers this fall.

Others of us are amazed, not that our families are getting older, but that people as young as Revelle and Estelle Roach are actually retiring. How can we express the loss that we anticipate after having the wise and loving and fun filled administration and leadership of Bishop Jack and Marji Tuell since 1972? As new appointments are made this year, we sorrow in the loss of the McNabbs, the Roaches, the Jewells and Betty Luginbill as they move to new ministries. During this year we have been enriched by the coming of Ty and Bonnie Curtis, Art and Joyce Edwards, John and Jai Forney and we look forward to the new families that are joining or rejoining the Alaska Missionary Conference this year.

As we minister to people in the Alaska Missionary Conference, there is no way of telling what the countless hours of pastoral counseling, Christian education and a high level of Christian fellowship may be as we share with one another in ways that uphold and enrich and guide. In our ministries to people our church sends Keith Wise 75 miles round trip twice each week to serve the people in Ninilchik. Revelle Roach has traveled the 55 mile round trip to Moose Pass each week to serve the small congregation there. We know that church organization is not as important as the sharing of the nurturing, strengthening, guiding faith of Christ. In Fairbanks and Juneau our churches are offering a variety of worship experiences with Sunday evening services. St. John and Turnagain Churches have two services each Sunday morning. Ketchikan, Juneau and Nome minister to human need by offering hostel space to travelers and persons needing shelter for the night or a short time, with Nome's program being offered on a year-round basis. Turnagain and Jewel Lake, as part of the Tri-Anchor Parish in Anchorage, are offering a ministry to a Christian community at Mile 115 on the Parks Highway at Trapper Creek through lay and ministerial leadership. East Anchorage not only shares its music program within the congregation, but their traveling choirs share also with the Roman Catholic Church and others in the community.

The Evangelism Training Program in Billings last year gave us a group in several churches that were fired up, but who experienced a tremendous let down when congregations didn't leap to the task of spreading the word and faith. But out of the discouragement they felt, we have also seen new sprouts of life and interest quietly growing as Kenai notices ten new families in their worship services and the shepherd's group at Fairbanks is at work in visitation, and similar stories from other churches that are concerned for individuals outside of the church seem to show a quiet new vitality.

The Southeast Alaska Convocation gave a mid-winter boost to the youth who came to Douglas during the Christmas holidays and the Snow Camp and later Confirmation Camp at Birchwood and several off-site ventures showed

new life and initiative in our outdoor and youth ministries program in the conference.

New life has also been seen as our agencies have gone through the year. Alaska Pacific University has shown increased support, increased numbers of students and a new breadth and excitement in the faculty. Alaska Children's Services celebrated the 90th birthday of Jesse Lee Home and the homecoming of Jesse Lee alumni with the presence of hundreds of guests and the conferring of distinguished alumni titles upon Simeon Oliver and Gordon Gould. ACS is now in a major fund drive and Alaska Pacific is moving toward one next fall to solidify their ongoing income program. I am concerned that they have not received significant help from the churches of Alaska, and wish we could give a more positive message to those staff members and potential donors who are concerned to provide Christian institutions of education and care in our state.

The Wesleyan Nursing Home continues its steady service in Seward to a community of people who need extended care. The Nome Community Center reaches out to troubled youth, abused women and children, senior citizens and the whole community of Nome with its multi-faceted program of recreation, re-creation, services and training.

The campus ministries had a good year at Fairbanks and Anchorage under the leadership of Chuck Young and David Fison and their teams. It is a joy to watch the innovative programming and as they reach out to minister to difficult campus communities to serve and to share.

So here we are, twenty-three churches, six agencies, plus our camps, 3500 members and twenty-three pastors trying to do all the organization and outreach of a full-fledged annual conference. Only by the grace of God, the gift of youth and energy, and the expense of great sums of money is it being done at all. Those who guide and direct our Conference are constantly seeking labor saving, money saving and soul saving ways of being the United Methodist Church in Alaska. I have tremendous respect and praise for those who are carrying on the work as pastors and their families, as laity within the churches, as staff members of the Board of Global Ministries and others who are helping us. But how do you be the church most effectively?

As we face the opportunities of new General Conference legislation that allows ministers to be full members of missionary conferences if the conferences choose and that allows for less than full-time ministerial service, and as we consider the problems and concerns that we face in Alaska these days, I think I'd like to see us do some zero based organization and budgeting, wiping out all that we have had in the past to begin again with only that which is absolutely necessary to be the church at its finest. I think I'd like to see that. But how could we be the church at its finest? The Conference needs training events for pastors to keep their spirits, and minds, and skills sharply honed and fresh. And we need to help the laity find new and effective ways to strengthen their faith and live out their calling to ministry as Christians. We need opportunities for fellowship and means of helping the churches to do what they cannot do for themselves as individual congregations and so we struggle with prospects for Native ministry in attempt to offer help to congregations and pastors and families that will help to make their life as Christians more helpful and hopeful and happy. And so we plan to help new churches begin and continuing ministries to be enriched. The Conference Council on Ministries and the Conference Council on Finance and Administration would like your help. We know that if the worst of disasters came to

pass with no one able to travel or communicate or get Conference mailings -- even without the superintendent or pastors -- the churches and the Church would continue and perhaps even thrive in new ways.

We aren't in such a crisis yet, but we are called to be stewards of the resources that God has given us. To live a style of life with sensitivity to the needs of our people and to live as brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Alaska and around the world, to face issues with the seriousness that the love of Christ within us calls forth. We are called to do a lot more than simply look in the mirror and brag on ourselves and to admire our beauty, our strength, our virtue.

As proud as I am of the United Methodist Church in Alaska, even with its weakness and pains and problems, I know it doesn't matter really if we are the fairest Conference in the land; but what matters is that we be faithful to the best that calls us and allows us to be as individuals and as a church. Let us renew our covenant with God to seek to be faithful to the message and to the way of Christ. With tremendous pride and concern I thank you for your part in our church's ministry and with you I say praise be to God that He has called us to this place, and to this time and to this task. Amen.

## *B. STATE OF THE CHURCH, 1980*

Bishop Jack M. Tuell

How do we assess the State of the Church in this, the year of our Lord, 1980? We are living in a time of the evaluation instrument and in both government, business and church circles there is a popular and current school of thought that if you send enough evaluation instruments to enough people and compile a massive enough set of volumes in a study that you will have arrived at the truth of the matter. The reality is otherwise, as attested to by the endless volumes of studies which gather dust on the shelves of various institutions of our society. A recent example of such a massive study that was largely ignored was a study of Native Americans that was brought to the General Conference in support of a proposal for the creation of a new office in the Church for Native Americans that would cost about a half a million dollars a year. When Tom Roughface, General Conference member from the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, got up on the floor and indicated that that Conference, which represents some 90% of all United Methodist Native Americans, did not want such a new office, that settled the issue with the delegates, pages and pages of study notwithstanding.

On an issue closer to home, in which chain stores in Oregon are trying to move the sales of hard liquor into grocery stores, we see a similar irrelevance of studies. If a person does not believe that moving such sales into all the grocery stores of the state is going to increase availability and consumption and the attendant social problems that go with it, all of the massive studies in the world are not going to convince that person. In other words, evaluations of a variety of issues in our time tend to be highly subjective. If there is objective data to use to corroborate one's subjective opinion, then it may be used. But if the objective data goes against one's subjective views, reasons are found why the objective data does not give a true picture. This is exactly the situation in which we find ourselves when we try to assess the State of the Church. Every pastor knows that when statistics of church attendance or of finance are

favorable, they are often quoted to colleagues. When such statistics are not favorable, we tend to dismiss them and point to more intangible factors as much more important. Or to put it another way, in times that are good statistically, we take the scientific approach to evaluating what we are doing, but in times that are bad statistically, we take a spiritual approach. That way we win either way.

The same phenomena is present at the Council of Bishops. In these days of declining membership, it has been a long time since I heard a fellow Bishop quote membership figures.

All of this is intended not to sound cynical, but simply to recognize how intensely human all of us are and how prone we are to evaluate anything in which we are personally involved in the best light possible.

With that background then, let us take as objective a look as possible at some of our measurable and objective criteria, by which the State of the Church might be measured.

First statistic: In the eight years I have been the Bishop of the Alaska Missionary Conference, 980 more people have left the United Methodist Church in Oregon-Idaho than have entered it. I have never quoted that figure in the Council of Bishops. That is a devastating figure, which requires a great deal of spirituality to overcome. If that percentage decline were projected into the future, it is obvious that our years as a collection of viable congregations would be numbered. I must confess to having some real feelings of pain when I consider that we have 980 fewer people as members of our congregations today than we did when I came in 1972, in spite of all the rationalizations which may be made.

There are other statistics which may be more encouraging. When I came in 1972, there were a total number of full-time pastors, district superintendents and conference staff of 18. As of today there is a total of 22. These statistics may seem encouraging to us, but to the critic they may seem to say that it is taking more and more full-time professionals to serve fewer and fewer church members. So in the midst of all of this, I have to ask myself the question, "Why hope? Why not despair? You're the leader of a church located in a part of the United States that is growing more rapidly in increased population than almost any other state, and yet in an eight-year period you have lost 21% of your membership. Why don't you give up and leave?" Well, I am leaving, but I'm not giving up. And you shouldn't either!

If the church was simply another human institution and the only standard by which we had to judge was reason, then maybe giving up would be the thing to do. But the Church is of God and reason is only one of the standards by which we judge the truth, the others being scripture and tradition and experience. Based on scripture, the Church is here to stay. "On this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." If we believe the scriptures, we believe that.

Tradition. If anything is clear from the tradition and the history of the Christian Church through the centuries, it is that straight-line projections based upon the current trends at any given point never turn out the way they are supposed to. If at the end of the 15th century the future of the Church depended on projecting into the future what was happening right then, it would have been a time to give up because all that would appear ahead would be more corruption and decay. But God raised up a man named Martin Luther and God acted in a number of other ways and those straight-line projections were completely thwarted.

Projections for the future of the Church in the early 1700's in England would have given little cause for hope. But once again, God chose another person named Wesley who helped to decisively alter whatever future the projections may have indicated. And so it has been at every juncture of our tradition and history. God does not leave Himself without a witness and God finds ways of renewing and reviving the Church in times which may seem the most unlikely to us.

And experience? My experience of the local church is not that of a dying institution. There is life in our churches. There is vitality in our churches. There is a sense of God's presence in our churches which pervades our worship and which is resulting in a whole spectrum of ministries to human need in every place. My experience, as a pastor of this annual conference, tells me that the Church is here to stay. This is why I feel good about the Church even in the face of the figures indicating that we are not reaching as many people as we did. Let me give you one statistic that is a sign of hope. Last year we received in our churches of this conference one of the largest numbers of persons on profession of faith ever. God is at work in our midst and I believe is trying to say something to us in all of this.

We are called upon to be more intentional in our evangelistic effort. Evangelism has too often been treated as a kind of side issue and you can take it or leave it. The fact that evangelism was one of the missional priorities last quadrennium and is not a missional priority this quadrennium may give the impression that we are saying, "Well, that program is over." But the saving good news of the love of God is news so pressing and so compelling that it must be at the heart of our ministry. This means going out aggressively with this good news into the homes of people. This kind of hard and devoted pastoral work is called for from both clergy and laity. If we care for the lives and the souls of people in our community who are outside of the body of Christ, we will commit ourselves with new urgency and new intentionality to reaching them in the name of Christ and His love.

I believe also that God is saying to us that we need to be more Methodist. I am not using that term now denominationally but generically. Methodist was originally a term of derision because Wesley and his holy club seemed to do things so methodically. If we are going to succeed in the evangelistic and pastoral task we need to give care and attention to method, and not scorn it as beneath us. One of the most eloquent sermons delivered at the General Conference was by Bishop Melvin Wheatley, who talked about Mary and Martha and how as Christians we need to bring together and reconcile the qualities of both Mary, the religious dreamer and visionary, and Martha, the practical and hard-headed homemaker. It was part of the genius of Wesley that he brought together a unique combination of these two strains and it has been a part of the best of United Methodism ever since. I have discovered that those churches that do the best job of reaching new people and caring for members are those who have people spending time on keeping track of what is happening to people and who have been in church and who have been called on. Accurate record keeping may not seem like a very dramatic part of the Christian life, but it is important because it says something loud and clear about how much we really care about the persons themselves. We need unashamedly to be putting more method into our United Methodism, not as an end in itself, but because we care about persons.

Finally, it seems to me that with the State of the Church what it is, God is saying to us that we need to be more Christ-centered. This is related to an in-

carnational theology. We all believe, as a central doctrine of our faith, that God was in Christ, that in the person of Jesus in ways that may be mysterious yet are very real, God revealed his very nature to humankind. And as a further step in that incarnational theology, we believe it is possible for Christ to become incarnate in us and surely it is when this happens that we can be transformed from within and changed from a selfish pursuer of our own petty interests and wishes to a true child of God who seeks not to be served but to serve. It is that kind of incarnation which is strongly related to evangelism for all of our intentions and our methods in evangelism will come to naught if those persons whom we would evangelize cannot see in us some measure of that spirit which was in Christ Jesus. All our words will mean nothing if our lives, who we are, do not reflect to some measure the love of God made known in Jesus.

I feel good about the State of the Church. I rejoice to be a part of it and the loving relationships which I have with so many, many of you means very, very much to me. But I believe with all my heart that there are many, many people in our communities who are outside of our church and who are crying out inside for exactly that sense of meaning and purpose and fullness of life which the Church and the Gospel bring.

The Church, if it is to remain faithful to its mission, will continue to minister to human needs in our world. It will continue to speak out against evil in our society. It will proclaim the prophetic word and it will refuse to put any part of our common life together outside the perimeters of the Gospel. But if it does not evangelize with new vigor and commitment and obedience, it will lose its base of mission and be unfaithful to what it means to be the body of Christ.

In a few months you will have a new Episcopal leader. I know that you will give him or her the same love and care and affection and support that you have given to me. But always remember that the state of the Church is not in the Bishop's hands but in your hands and God's hands. Love one another. Love your Bishop. Love the Church, for Christ died for it in whatever state it may be. Amen.

## *C. CONFERENCE LAY LEADER'S REPORT*

F. Lawrence Bennett

In his volume, *FOR LAYMEN AND OTHER MARTYRS*, the late Bishop Gerald Kennedy says the following: "The fellow that caused me the greatest trouble as a preacher was the Conference Lay Leader. He was the man chosen to represent laymen in the councils of the church. For some reason he was always antagonistic to the ministry of the church. Whether this was because I had not shown him the proper deference or because I did not open the pulpit to him on Laymen's Day, I do not know."

He then goes on to say that he has met a number of these brethren whom he calls "professional" laymen - they appear at the head table when the bishop is present. They make the speeches when you want a leading layman on the program. They serve on the boards when you want the laity represented. They have made a profession out of being laymen. He complains that they contribute nothing, in time, talents, and money to their local churches. They tend to drift from church and refuse to stay by whenever they disagree with

the message from the pulpit.

He admits that these are rare specimens but that they are common enough to give articulate itinerant laymen a bad name, and he suggests that they are really frustrated at wanting to be a member of the professional staff. But he goes on to say that there is no higher calling in the Kingdom than to be a Christian doctor, a Christian lawyer, or a Christian businessman whose whole career has been laid at the feet of Christ.

And he ends this brief chapter with "But may the Lord deliver us from the professional boys whose words are only impressive when they are far from home."

Bishop Tuell, I hope that this itinerant layman is not the one who has caused you the greatest trouble during these past four years. For one of the most satisfying aspects of my four years as your conference lay leader has been the opportunity that I have taken to be an itinerant lay person and to travel around our state and meet and speak with a people called United Methodists in our Great Land.

In my few minutes this afternoon I want to reflect back upon these past four years to help myself put in perspective some of the things this lay program of our Alaska Missionary Conference has done and has meant to me. And then I want to suggest a few ideas that might be worth considering in the future.

Where have we been? When the quadrennium began, we had had a tremendously successful first lay/clergy conference, organized and carried out so masterfully by retiring lay leader Jack Townshend. Jack had realized that this conference needed something to bring its lay and clergy leadership together for consideration of common concerns and dreams, for fellowship, for worship. This conference owes Jack Townshend a tremendous debt of gratitude for this legacy which he has left for us; it was the culmination of much hard planning and considerable faith and dreaming.

Almost immediately we began planning, at the direction of the annual conference, for a second lay/clergy conference. We decided that we would work on the general theme of evangelism and that we would invite Dr. Roy Fairchild of San Francisco to be our retreat leader. Dr. Fairchild led us through a tremendously helpful study of evangelism, using his new book, *Lifestory Conversations*. More than 60 people - lay and clergy - took part in that weekend retreat at Birchwood Camp in Spring, 1977.

Two years later, we did much the same thing, this time focusing on the concerns surrounding family ministry and how the lay/clergy team can better serve families in the church. Our leaders for this Spring, 1979 lay/clergy conference, also held at Birchwood Camp, were Bishop Dale White of the New Jersey Area and his wife Gwen. Once again, comments afterward indicated that this was a significant experience in training local church leaders - again, lay people like family coordinators and lay leaders, plus clergy - for service where the action is. And it was also a great opportunity to meet the bishop of our church, who has emerged as one of the world's leading voices urging restraint and Christ-like love in Iran, 1980.

During the off years, or rather the alternate years, of 1978 and 1980, the major emphasis for lay persons on a conference level was a program to prepare lay speakers for service in the church, wherever there is need for the ministry of the spoken word. I had participated in a lay speaker training program in New Hampshire in 1966, in a series of about six Saturday seminars, to which lay persons from throughout the state drove their automobiles. The

idea of a speaker training program seemed ripe and right, but a plan to drive from Ketchikan and Nome and other places seemed a little impractical! So we organized a series of regional training programs and we held separate programs at Douglas, Soldotna, Anchorage and Fairbanks. Each participant attended a weekend session, then went home to study, prepare speeches, talk to the pastor, and the like, and then returned about a month later for the second of the two weekends. When it was all over, our conference was proud to recognize thirty new lay speakers at our conference two years ago in Kenai.

But the training was really not the important part. Since completing the training experience, these persons have contributed in significant and varied ways toward the lives of our congregations, toward camping experiences, toward Rescue Mission services, toward conference-wide activities. And I am sure you will be hearing from them in the future.

They have also contributed toward providing similar training for other United Methodists in Alaska. For, this past spring, we did much the same thing that we had done two years ago, with two-weekend basic lay speaker training programs in Juneau, Soldotna and Anchorage. These were made possible primarily because Beverly Bowers, Ruth McMillan and Joe Alter - lay speakers from our conference - were willing to organize and coordinate these sessions. We will announce the names of 18 new lay speakers on Saturday night and will recognize those who are present.

The Discipline requires that, to remain certified, a lay speaker must complete an advance lay speaking training course at least once every three years. We held a wonderful weekend retreat at Birchwood this past February 15 to 17, attended by ten of our lay speakers, including myself, plus Ed Stanton, who shared some of the leadership with me and provided much guidance and inspiration. I found especially inspiring the coincidence that, not counting myself, the nine other lay persons each represented a different community in our state--

Mary Hawkins, Ninilchik  
Joe Alter, Juneau  
Paul Lunas, Sitka  
Beverly Bowers, Anchorage  
John Waghiyi, Nenana  
Harold Pillsbury, Soldotna  
Leroy Cook, Fairbanks  
Maynard Gross, Homer  
Priscilla Ringenburg, Nome

Our study topics centered on two themes:

- 1) Basic Christian Beliefs, and
- 2) Effective Communication Through Public Speaking

One of the goals I set for myself when I became conference lay leader four years ago was to visit each of our churches, and participate in worship services if invited, at least once during the four years. I am pleased to report that two and one half weeks ago, May 17, I completed that goal, with a visit to number 23, our Bayshore United Methodist Church in Anchorage. At every place I have been welcomed by pastor and lay persons alike. Let me especially thank all of our pastors, for whom it is often a matter of faith in opening your pulpit to an itinerant lay person. I was privileged to preach the morning message in 20 of our churches.



But my visits did not consist merely of participating in worship services. I was able to begin to get acquainted with you who are United Methodists in Alaska. What a rich diversity of talents, interests, and backgrounds! I drank coffee and munched muffins and bananas in Sarah Maddux' kitchen. That same day I attended a baby shower with the members of Bayshore Church. I caught salmon at Soldotna. I went to a spaghetti feed and square dance with the folks from Chugiak. I represented you at the first service held in the new building at New Hope, North Pole. I went jogging among the totems and picnicking beside Indian River in Sitka. Through all these experiences and more, I have discovered that the United Methodist Church is alive and well in Alaska.

And now I must share with you a brief bit of true confessions. Mel Vostry and Debbie went to Hawaii, and, as I had not yet visited North Star Church at North Kenai, Mel asked me to come down there last March to lead the service. Nick Sakalof, who was baptized into the Russian Orthodox faith and has joined our church at North Kenai, picked me up at the Kenai airport and drove me to North Kenai. As we began to get acquainted during those 20 miles, it became apparent that Mel had not filled Nick in completely on who I was and what my role was in conference affairs. For at one point in our conversation, Nick asked, "And do you have a church there in Fairbanks?" The way he asked the question made it obvious that he thought that I was a minister. And my reply was, "No, I am just a lay person!" In that moment I felt that I had betrayed all of you! For that is counter to what I have been preaching and trying to live, especially during these past four years. Don't ever tell somebody that you are JUST A LAY PERSON!

If we were to look back at the recommendations in the lay leader's report last year, one of the items we would find would relate to working with Turnagain Church to develop a lay care ministry program. We didn't do that, but I am pleased to report some progress - maybe even better progress - along those lines. And so, I can report that General Conference acted favorably upon this Conference's petition that suggested that a lay care ministry program be established within the general church. The official action was to refer the proposal to the General Board of Discipleship for study and the development of a package which is to be proposed for final approval at General Conference four years hence. Staff of the General Board of Discipleship are excited about this idea, and I expect we in Alaska will be asked to have a large share in its development. Basically, the program would be similar to the lay speaking program in that there would be a training and certification process under which lay persons would be certified as lay care ministers, who could then act in ministry in a variety of ways -- crisis counseling, premarital counseling, hospital visitation, and the like.

So much for the past. As to the future, my report on page 32 of the Pre-Conference Handbook suggests that I feel a little strange making specific recommendations and then just leaving this office. However, let me suggest some directions that might be appropriate for the future.

We have had three successful lay/clergy conferences, and I think it would be well to consider continuing these on a biennial basis.

There is much that can be accomplished, ranging from the learning that takes place to the fellowship and food and chance to beat Ed Stanton in ping-pong.

I strongly urge that consideration be given to the on-going administration of the lay speaking program. We probably have 40 active lay speakers in the

conference, since we have trained 48 during the past four years and there are others of us who were trained at other times and/or in other places. I hope you will appoint a person as a lay speaking coordinator, whose task it would be to keep accurate records of our lay speakers, to publicize both the names of those who are available and the opportunities and needs that are present in our conference, to correspond with lay speakers with information about resource material and other matters of common interest, to make lay persons and clergy persons aware of the wide scope of responsibilities that fall within the realm of lay speaking, and to organize and conduct lay speaker training experiences at both the basic and advanced level.

The development of a lay care ministry program holds promise not only for Alaskan United Methodism but also for our entire denomination. I hope our lay leadership will be involved in this exciting new venture.

What is a lay leader? Despite what the Discipline says, I find that local church lay leaders often need help in defining their roles and responsibilities. This is a task that I have not spent any time on, but I believe it something that a conference lay leader might well take on as a goal for the future.

As I look back over the quadrennium, one of the things I had hoped to do but did not do was to participate more actively in such conference-wide groups as United Methodist Women, conference youth activities, and the like. Such participation depends, of course, on the amount of time available, but I can report that I feel that I have neglected these aspects of our conference life. This is an area in which the new lay leader may wish to participate more fully than I did.

I cannot end without speaking a word of thanks to a lot of people who have supported me in what has turned out to be an exciting, demanding and extremely satisfying four years. Let me first acknowledge the presence of two people without whom this would have not been possible. They came from Geneseo, New York, just to hear my report today. Please welcome my parents, Fred and Dorothy Bennett.

My local church has been a tremendous support to me. In part by its prayers, in part by words of support and encouragement from lay and clergy persons alike, in part by realizing that the demands of a responsible job and a responsible lay leader position and the desire to spend at least a little time with my family left little time for local church responsibilities. I appreciated especially the support of Dick Smith during the first of my four years and, for the past three, that of Paul Jewell.

I have been privileged to serve with two outstanding Conference Superintendents. To Ac, off there in Idaho, and to Ed, off there at the table, I say "You have made it easy, and you have made it clear that there is joy in service."

I made a rough count, and I think I have known, during these four years, about 32 ministers of local United Methodist Churches in our conference. And there are many others of you who serve in special appointments. I can't take time to name you all, but I do thank you for your leadership and for your support of my ministry.

I wonder how many different members of local churches there have been over the quadrennium. If members turn over as fast as pastors, and I suppose they do, there have probably been about 5000. It has been a great privilege to represent and serve all of them.

To Jack Tuell, and Marji, I don't know quite what to say. I have seen and been with Jack Tuell in some very un-bishop-y place. We sat on the floor to-

gether at Birchwood Camp and discussed names that we had been called. I revealed that I once had a girlfriend who called me Lars, and then he remembered one who used to call him Tooey. We have been together in the rain at Cold Bay and on the dock at Unalaska. We have been together in a sandwich shop in Indianapolis. To say that I have come to love and respect Jack and Marji would be true but incomplete. I value your love and friendship, and I appreciate the support you have given to my term as lay leader and to all the many lay concerns of this conference.

I have saved the best until last, for I want to tell Margaret in public that her love and patience and understanding have meant much more than I could ever put into words. I suppose it sometimes becomes almost automatic sometimes, for us busy folks, when asked, "What does your family think about all this?", to mutter some words about their being understanding. That's really true in our home, and without that kind of silent contribution, it wouldn't be worth it and would probably be impossible.

Please allow me two quick personal incidents, and then I will close. First, I want to confess to Bill Trudeau how inadequate I felt as your counselor one night. Some of you may know that Bill doesn't enjoy flying very much. One night we were flying back from New York -- Bill on my left, Ed Stanton on my right -- in the center section of a DC-10. Somewhere over Idaho, I suppose, the plane began to buck and twist as we encountered a mild amount of turbulence over the mountains. Well, Bill was sure we weren't going to make it. How do you assure somebody that we probably will make it, even as you begin to wonder a little yourself? Yes, I didn't do a very good job in calming you that night. But we did make it!

The other incident is simply to report to you that when Bishop Tuell and Ed Stanton and I visited Unalaska, the first thing that the Bishop insisted that we do was to go to the liquor store. That's all I will say about that; we'll see if they feel that they need to explain any further!

So now I close with this --

At General Conference, the backdrop behind the stage area was hung with a lovely rendering of a sort-of side view of the globe. And spread across this modernized picture of our globe was the cross and flame. One morning John Shaffer commented, "Look, Alaska isn't even a part of that map up there!" But I had to correct him. For, directly underneath the top of the cross was Alaska. In the shadow of the cross was our great land!

And I have thrilled to that idea ever since, for it has been my experience, especially during my term as your lay leader, that our state has been so richly blessed in so many ways, but especially that the cross is shining across Alaska and in a very special way for a people called United Methodists.

#### ***D. COORDINATOR OF THE CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES***

Joyce Edwards

The Conference Council on Ministries is primarily, like the church, a group of people who together are responsible for the program areas of the Conference. I would like to begin the report by asking the members of the Conference Council on Ministries to stand. I would also like to acknowledge Mary Lou Hollett's service as Council Coordinator and to extend my thanks to her,

not only for her work in that position, but for her willing help and advice in getting me started.

This morning I would like to talk with you about three areas -- our present, the challenges we face in programming for ministry in the future, and some of the specific directions and plans of the Conference Council on Ministries for the coming year.

What has been the program of the Council on Ministries this past year? I will not attempt to describe all the efforts that have been made this year. I encourage you to read the reports in the Pre-Conference Handbook. This past year, there have been many opportunities for leadership development. Outside resource people have been available. Susan Hay from the Youth Service Division of the Board of Discipleship was recently in Alaska. Thomas Fassett of the Board of Church and Society assisted Native Ministries. Bob Harvey of the Oregon-Idaho Conference led seminars on leadership development for camping. There were educational opportunities of all types and many Methodists attended.

There were also several resources made available to the churches for their use in programming. They include help in Criminal Justice, Television Awareness Training, Lifestyle Assessment, Systematic Training for Effective Parenting, and Men, Women, and the Bible.

The most important question the Conference Council on Ministries and the Conference faces in the coming years is not so much "Where have we been?" or "Where are we?", but "Where are we going?" As a nation and as a church we are entering an era that will call for new responses and new approaches to ministry if we are to serve Christ in our world. Present economic trends are clearly threats to the missions and ministries of the church. Basically, we are going to have to run faster just to stay even. In Alaska, our large transportation costs are growing larger daily. When you call an airline for ticket prices and the agent says, "Today's price is ---," you know you're in trouble. As we have to spend more of our budget on transportation, the funds available for programs become proportionately less. We are going to have to find ways and approaches to programming that will most effectively create vital, exciting ministries. Instead of taking shotgun approaches to the challenges before us, we will need to carefully hone our response and program to fit the needs.

The Alaska Missionary Conference continues to face the difficulty of communication with one another. I mentioned above that several resources, both personal and written have been made available to the churches. It seems to be generally true that there has been little utilization of those resources. Either the method of communicating the availability of the resources is ineffective or the particular resources offered do not meet the present needs or directions of the churches.

One opportunity for a resource for ministry that is now available to us revolves around adult ministries. I would like to use the question of our participation in the Pilot Conference on Adult Ministries which is to be held in Ellensburg, Washington, as an example of the kind of planning we will need to do. The Board of Discipleship is sponsoring Regional Conferences on adult ministries to be held throughout the nation beginning with the conference in Ellensburg. Upon hearing of the Conference, our first reaction is to say, "Of course we'll participate." However, there are other factors. With our small conference and our relatively small pool of resources, both financial and human, the question becomes, "Is this a place to invest some of our limited re-

sources? Does the Pilot Conference plan to address the needs in adult ministries felt by our churches? If we send a person to the Pilot Conference, how will we use that person in the Alaska Missionary Conference? What type of sharing of information is most helpful to the churches?" We need to know how to decide what to do, with the recognition that we are presented with many valid and exciting opportunities for ministry, but that we cannot respond to every opportunity. I am now going to ask your help in demonstrating the approach I am suggesting. Please take a few moments to complete the questionnaires I am distributing. The information gathered from your responses will be used in discussions with Richard Smith from the Board of Discipleship about our participation in the Pilot Conference next February.

The Council on Ministries has further discussed and decided upon a plan for setting Conference program goals for the next quadrennium. The plan is an attempt to move the programming effort of the Council on Ministries to be more responsive to the expressed needs of the local churches. We are also suggesting the specific goals be determined for two year time frames rather than the four year frames as is the usual practice in the Methodist Church. This seems necessary due to the high rate of turnover here in our Conference for both clergy and laity. It is true that those who draft goals are best able to move with enthusiasm and direction in carrying them out.

There will also be a Conference Council on Ministries newsletter which will highlight not only the programs directly sponsored by the Council on Ministries, but news from the churches, a sharing of "What Works For Us," and "Who's Who."

Ed Stanton said in the Superintendent's report that even without the Alaska Missionary Conference, the churches could thrive. The question the Council on Ministries is addressing is, "Can the churches thrive with the Conference?" The possibilities are exciting and the challenge is clear.

## *E. THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES*

Hoyt M. Cole, President

The Alaska Missionary Conference has purchased from the State of Alaska Tract A, Unit No. 1, North Addition, Alyeska Subdivision. This property is located at Girdwood and will be used for relocation of the Girdwood Church, if after full consideration such seems in the best interest of the local congregation and the Conference.

The Conference has also undertaken to finalize the loan from the National Division to allow a payoff of the Bayshore property identified as Tract A-3A, Bayshore West no. 2, Anchorage. That loan should be finalized as soon as normal procedure will allow.

The Trustees have adopted, as a general principal, that the local church should own the property on which the church plant and facilities is located, as opposed to such ownership being in the National Division or the Conference Trustees. Efforts are being made to implement this principal and the National Division has been requested to transfer title to all properties within Alaska (except for those properties related specifically to institutions) to the Conference Trustees for eventual transfer to the local Church. Efforts are underway to establish guidelines for the orderly and timely transfer of such properties. The thinking of the Trustees is that local people, with rare exceptions, can

and should make the decisions which most directly affect them. Revisionary clauses will, of course, be inserted in all of the transfer documents.

## ***F. UNITED METHODIST WOMEN***

Marion Gotschall, President

United Methodist Women of Alaska have spent the past year in experiences contributing to the growth of the organization. Growth, first of all, intellectually and spiritually through workshops and schools. We have studied in depth the regular mission studies -- Human Rights, Middle East and Parables. Additional issues have included racism, human sexuality, criminal justice, legislative action, extremism, abortion, E.R.A., child advocacy and others. We have gained new insight and information in these areas and have experienced spiritual growth through the worship experiences that are always a vital dimension of any training event.

Physical growth in the form of new membership and new local units has also occurred. We welcomed a new unit at Ninilchik the past year and are hopeful that at least two new ones (Turnagain and Bayshore) will be started soon.

Two successful mission education events were held in Seward and Sitka. This adds a dimension missing in this Conference -- the district level, which gives an opportunity for local units to get together within smaller regions of the state or conference.

The new quadrennium brought us to a new understanding of our mission, rearranged and spread our present leadership over a greater portion of the organization, making new opportunities for more women to be officers in the Conference. Two new members were elected to the Core Planning Group (Jan Kussart as additional member and Sandra Moore as part of the nominating committee). One of our members is past the first level on the way toward being elected to Women's Division. Betty DeVore is one of the eight nominees sent from the Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting to the Jurisdictional Meeting in July of this year.

The Charter for Racial Justice Policies was accepted by the Annual Meeting. Continued discussion and emphasis on Racial Inclusiveness will be stressed by the organization to become more racially inclusive and attain the benefits of the rich cultural and ethnic contributions by women in our state. In January of 1980, the Conference officers held a racial inclusiveness workshop to heighten their awareness and sensitivity. Attendance included women from other races, cultures and churches in the Anchorage area as well as the Conference officers.

Those attending special training events were: Mary Lou Lawhorn and Grace Arai to National Seminar; Lee Willis, Chris Buffington, and Sally Lowery to New Officer Training; Mary Lou Lawhorn to Child Advocacy Workshop; Janet Kussart and Verda Carey to Legislative Training Event; and Marion Gotschall, Sandra Moore, LuDean Knight, Chris Buffington, Judy Scarborough, Lee Willis (voting delegates), Catherine Alter, Janet Kussart, Betty DeVore (Core Planning) and Jill Lunas to Quadrennial Meeting. Sally Lowery attended the Women's Division meeting.

## G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Claudia Kelsey

To the 9th, (13th), (39th) Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church, for the 76th year of organized work in Alaska, and the 94th year since the first Methodist work in Alaska was started:

A historian is a person who is expected to gather together items of historical interest and import from persons who are intent on not giving them to him.

Common statements heard by a historian:

"Oh, would you want something like that? We figured it was so old we just threw it in the dump."

"There were some old pieces of glass in the attic. They had some kind of pictures on them -- you know, negatives, I guess. A friend was building a greenhouse, so we gave them to him to wash off and use for the panes of glass..."

"Oh, a tourist who was visiting here seemed interested in that old picture of the church, the first building, so I gave it to him."

"The previous pastor took with him the old Conference Minutes, for 1904 or 1905, I think."

"There was an old journal in the church that the early pastors had written notes in. I found it very interesting and since I didn't think anybody in that church would be interested, I took it with me when I moved."

"Don't you wish you could get a copy of that old book I found in a second hand book store that tells all about the early days of the Methodist Church in Alaska?"

ETC.

Much of what a historian does is not discernible and not reportable; for example, collecting information, collecting pictures, verifying information (TRYING to verify information), identifying pictures, (Please go home and write captions on the backs of all your pictures!), organizing and filing, copying items that cannot be obtained otherwise, etc.

Some work of a historian can be seen and commented upon:

1) Shepard and Kelsey: "Praise the Lord and Pass the Penicillin," in Conference Proceedings, The Church in Alaska's Past, pp. 52-70. A paper on the history of Medical Missions in Alaska. (Proceedings of 1978 Conference.)

2) Shepard and Kelsey: "One Hundred Years of Methodism in Alaska," (1976 Report of the Historical Society, Alaska Missionary Conference), in Mission On Our Doorstep, Report from the Board of Global Ministries to the 1980 General Conference, pp. 33-35.

Much work is in progress:

1) Continued compilation of pictures and information for a booklet on the Alaska Missionary Conference (1984 or 1986?)

2) Collection and reproduction of pictures for an exhibit on the churches (all denominations) of the Juneau area, for an exhibit during Religious Emphasis Week, September 7-14, 1980, as part of the Juneau Centennial celebration. Exhibit sponsored by the Cooperative Church Council of Ju-

neau.

3) Continued planning on a filmstrip or slide show of the history of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

#### Some Notes on Dates:

Alaska Mission Conference was organized by Bishop John W. Hamilton of San Francisco at Juneau in 1904. Second Annual Meeting was held in Ketchikan in 1905. Third meeting scheduled for Skagway in 1906, but we have no record of it being held.

"Then for many years, Alaska work was administered as part of the Puget Sound Annual Conference." (We have not seen Puget Sound Journals earlier than 1920.... There is very little about Alaska in most of the ones we have seen....)

".... in 1936 and again in 1940, General Conference authorized the reorganization of the Alaska Mission. This was done in 1941."

In 1936 Alaska was listed as Alaska District of Pacific Northwest Conference, (combined from Puget Sound and Columbia River Conferences), with Walter Torbet as Superintendent. (Elsewhere we have Henry Young listed as Superintendent in 1936----?)

The NEXT session of the Annual Meeting was held in Seward in 1941. "War conditions then intervened, preventing annual meetings as planned until the year 1945."

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1886 (or 1884?) Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Carr to Shumagin Island (Woman's Home Missionary Society.)

1890 Jesse Lee Home opened (WHMS) at Unalaska, although work done by school teachers (including Agnes Soule) before this date.

1897 C.J. Larsen appointed Superintendent of Alaska work by Bishop McCabe.

1904 Organization of Mission Conference by Bishop J.W. Hamilton of S.F.

1905 Second Annual Meeting at Ketchikan, Bishop Moore presiding.

1920 James T. McQueen listed as Mission Supt. (or Presiding Elder) at Juneau, in 1920 Puget Sound Journal.

1924 In Puget Sound Journal, Alaska is included in Vancouver District, J.T. McQueen, District Superintendent.

1925 J.T. McQueen included Alaska in his report of the Vancouver District. "At the last session of the General Conference, the work of our churches in Alaska was made part of the Puget Sound Conference and has been administered this year in connection with Vancouver District."

1926 Alaska included in Vancouver District Report

1927 " " " (in statistical report of Vancouver Dist.)

1928 " " " (with "new" Jesse Lee Church, 120 on roll.)

1929 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference organized by union of Columbia River (1874-1928) and Puget Sound (1884-1928) Annual Conferences. Alaska District reported in Statistical Report.

1941 Third Annual Meeting in Seward.

1945 Fourth Annual Meeting in Metlakatla. Annual Meetings have been held regularly since.



## How Anniversaries Are Determined:

1980 is:

9th Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church

13th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church

39th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church (Actual meetings held)

76th year of organized Methodist work in Alaska (First Annual Meeting held in Juneau in 1904)

83rd year since appointment of first Superintendent of Methodist work in Alaska (Supt. C.J. Larsen appointed 1897, arrived October of that year)

90th year since opening of first Methodist Institution in Alaska (Jesse Lee Home in Unalaska, opened 1890, under Women's Home Missionary Society)

94th year since first Methodist work in Alaska was started (Mr. and Mrs. Carr to Shumagin Islands by WHMS, 1886)

## 1980 Anniversaries (at 5 year intervals):

90th	Opening of Jesse Lee Home at Unalaska by WHMS	1890
80th	Organization of Ketchikan Church	1900
80th	Organization of Skagway Church	1900
80th	Building of McCabe College, Skagway	1900
75th	Organization of Seward Church	1905
50th	Opening of Seward Gen. Hospital under operation of WHMS	1930
35th	Reorganization of Douglas Church	1945
35th	Organization of Anchorage First Church	1945
35th	Opening of work at Moose Pass	1945
25th	Organization of Kenai Church	1955
25th	Beginning of Eagle River Methodist Camp (& 1st work team)	1955
20th	Organization of churches at Tustamena and Rabbit Creek	1960
15th	Organization of Sitka Church	1965
10th	Organization of Cooperative Church Council in Juneau	1970
10th	Organization of Alaska Children's Services	1970

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1980 marks 90 years of service to Alaska by the Jesse Lee Home and the 10th anniversary of the formation of Alaska Children's Services. We look forward to an exhibit from Alaska Children's Services at our Annual Meeting and congratulate them on the great history they have compiled and are compiling.

## H. BOARD OF THE ORDAINED MINISTRY

Jim Buffington, Chairperson

The Board of the Ordained Ministry has met three times during 1980. The first time was at the Pastor/Spouse retreat which in a sense was an organizational meeting. We had lost the leadership of David Fison as our chairperson

and James Buffington was elected by the committee to replace him.

Our second meeting was called on May 12 at which time we interviewed Donna Lowman who is a candidate for ministry. We voted unanimously to approve her candidacy.

We also adopted a tentative plan for contacting and welcoming new pastors to Alaska. Dan Amerson agreed to be in charge of this project and has already begun.

It should also be noted that there are six ministerial candidates listed in the Journal and the Board is struggling with ways in which we can be in contact with them and help them have a sense of belonging. We encourage the local churches to communicate with them and feel this is vitally important to them as well as to us.

We would also like to remind the clergy that there are continuing education funds available for their use and if clergy are planning a continuing education experience and wish to use this money, then the procedure is to submit a written request outlining its use.

Our third meeting was Wednesday night of this week. We met with Robert Kohler from the Board of Higher Education and the Division of the Ministry. The purpose of this meeting was to establish a working relationship with our Board of Ordained Ministry. It was a very productive time and he answered a lot of our questions and gave us some helpful ideas on what our board can be doing this next year. Included in this will be some training and dialogue on new legislation.

This concludes my report, but I do have a proposal I would like to put before the conference in regards to the possibility of clergy membership in the Alaska Missionary Conference after January 1, 1981.

We propose that the Board of Ordained Ministry appoint a task force to prepare and review the pros and cons of clergy membership in the Alaska Missionary Conference. The membership of this task force shall include the Bishop and an equal number of laity and clergy as selected by the Board of Ordained Ministry. The task force shall prepare and issue a statement of recommendation which will be discussed and evaluated at the 1981 lay-clergy retreat. This recommendation shall then be taken to the local churches for study and clarification with the lay delegates and pastors under the direction of the Pastor Parish Relations Committees. The recommendation shall then be presented and decided upon at the 1981 Annual meetings.

## *I. COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND COUNCIL REPORTS*

### CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Bob Smay, Chairman

After studies, area visitations, consideration of need and evaluating our church's responsibility and concern, your committee has suggested the following areas for the extension of United Methodist ministries, in the order of priority we place upon them:

Matanuska-Susitna Valley (Wasilla-Trapper Creek)

Valdez

Kodiak

Copper Valley (Glennallen)

North Juneau

Fairbanks, Second Church

Unalaska

## EQUITABLE SALARY COMMISSION

Sally Lowery, Chairperson

### A. Annual Meeting of the Commission, January 13, 1980

1. Reviewed and approved 1980 Salary Subsidy Requests for: Bayshore, Homer, Nome, North Pole, Seward, Sitka and Conference Superintendency. Total of \$54,296 was approved. Since 1977, St. John, Chugiak, and Soldotna have gone to self-support status.

2. Recommend to Annual Conference in June that the Base Salary for 1981 be \$600 increase in cash salary, plus \$600 annual contribution to Pastor's Personal Annuity Fund account with General Board of Pensions. Information will be presented to help pastors and PPR committees in the local churches make their decision.

3. Recommend to Annual Conference in June that the Cost of Living Adjustments for Areas for 1981 be:

Anchorage (base)	1.00
Sitka & Fairbanks	1.05
Kenai Peninsula	1.10
Nome	1.30
All other places	1.00

Committee needs to constantly be searching for studies and comparison to assist in making these percentages. This year, the "Numbers" publication of the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Division of Economic Enterprise, was included in those studied.

4. Uniform Salary Concept (as presented at the 1979 Annual Conference) was referred to this Commission. In October the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church handed down Decision no. 461, that uniform salaries are not in keeping with current Discipline paragraph 934. The Equitable Salaries Commission members present at the Annual Conference in June will meet to evaluate any actions taken at the General Conference and how they relate to this matter. No action or study was to be initiated at this time, due to the Judicial Council decision. The Chairperson corresponded with the Superintendent, the Bishop and the Judicial Council and sent letters to several conferences regarding this matter during the year.

5. Pastor's Compensation Guide was reviewed in preparation for placing it before the Annual Conference in June for acceptance as a guideline for PPR Committees. Preliminary copies were given out at the 1979 Annual Conference to solicit suggestions and questions. None had been received as of January 13, 1980. The Commission agreed that the wording needed to be revised and to send a copy to each pastor and one to each lay delegate by April 1 so they could have 2 months to review. (Copies were sent out March 26 to each pastor, lay delegate and PPR Chairperson for input.)

During the year, it is important for this Commission to share with one another items of interest found in national magazines, papers, etc., as they pertain to our Conference. It was because of the alertness of members of the Commission that we found out about the Judicial Council decision, the fact that a group of 55 conferences have joined Equitable Salaries Commissions in an effort to gain recognition at the General Conference, 1980, to propose changes relating to uniform salary plans. Keeping on the lookout for comparison studies of cost of living costs within Alaska is also a vital role each mem-

ber plays. The studies done by the Cooperative Extension Service for so many years were discontinued in 1977 and we have struggled to find sources of information every year since. Once the 1980 census results have been tabulated (early 1981), I would recommend that we ask Mr. Harold Sedrel (3401 36th St., Rock Island, IL 61201, Management Consultant, specializing in church personnel matters) for another study of median income levels for the 19 Alaska census division, to be included in the "Pastor's Compensation Guide" for the PPR Committees to use.

This past four years has seen several vital projects undertaken by the Equitable Salaries Commission, in addition to their work as stipulated in the Discipline:

1) 1984 Self-sufficiency feasibility study, which was done in 1978. The basic premise of the conclusions is that if the expenses increase no more than 8% per year, and the income continues to increase by 10% or more, that self-sufficiency as a conference could be attained by 1984, with the diminishing support of the National Division.

I have sensed that, since the report was compiled, there has been a diminishing interest in whether we keep on "schedule" if we don't have some group interest in being a watchdog on the budget items as they are decided upon this weekend, and in future years. 1984 is two years closer to reality than it was in 1978.

2) "Real Income Earned" study was done in 1977-78, to determine a more realistic way for lay members to visualize what is the pastor's "Real Income" as compared to his own. This study evolved into the "Pastor's Compensation Guide" which was discussed earlier.

I would like to say that it was a delight to work with such fine pastors as Don Hartman, John Tindell, Keith Wise, and Revelle Roach, who served on this commission. We were blessed to have the talents of men like Glenn Simpson, with over 20 years of leadership in ARCO, and Jim Walton, with a long background in personnel work with FAA, who shared those talents with the Alaska Missionary Conference.

The new quadrennium will bring new challenges in ways to help with pastors' salaries, and we hope that you will be supportive of their work. After all, some of the key ideas come from lay members, and clergy who do not serve on the Commission, so let your mind be open to ideas, and pass them on to this Commission and others, so that the work of the Alaska Missionary Conference will be the finest we can produce.

## CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES

Kathleen Wise, President

Youth -- yes, we're youth, though we look sleepy, or lost, or laugh at all the wrong times -- we're youth. Why are we so hard to get to know, or talk to, or even teach to? Is it because of our struggles before adulthood, or are we foreigners to this world? We need your help, support, ministry and knowing that you care for us.

The past year has been full of camps and activities for the youth of Alaska. Two of the activities took place the day after Christmas. The Southeast Convo and the Snowcamp at Birchwood. At the Southeast Convo, 55 youth came

together in fellowship and learning. One of the attractions was the Todd family from Massachusetts. The Convo's theme was Self-Growth and IALAC (I Am Lovable And Caring.) The youth from Ketchikan should be commended because they had to leave their families and friends on Christmas Day.

The Snowcamp at Birchwood attracted 30 some youth from the Anchorage area and the Peninsula. And we've asked for another camp at the same time. (We need your help in finding a dean and counselors.)

During the March spring break there was a Confirmation Camp at Birchwood. 43 youth attended and it's interesting to know that four came from Nome and two from Fairbanks.

Youth, given the chance and time, will participate in the activities offered to them. As we all know, transportation is one our biggest mountains to climb, but once we get over the peak we're on our way and youth can do it with your guidance and support.

Last July, two youth and an adult attended the National Youth Ministries Organization Convo in New Orleans. It was a great experience for everyone and I wish that more Alaskan youth could go as observers. For me, it was good to be there and to see youth enthusiastic and responsive to God. It was unbelievable! It gave me a sense of belonging to the church in a very special way. During this time we had a Western Jurisdictional Caucus. It was amazing how our Jurisdiction was willing to help us. So, this summer two youth and an adult will be going to California for the Jurisdictional Convo for the first time, with the financial support of \$950 we received from Conferences in our Jurisdiction.

Some of you might have had Susan Hay to your church for reference and guidance to help start or continue local youth groups. The Board of Discipleship paid her way to Alaska and I hope she was useful to you.

I see that the future of Youth Ministry can become stronger in Alaska. We are planning workcamps and teams within the state and in two years one outside of Alaska.

With your help and care may the youth of this state become unified and stronger. Please take time or make time for your youth in the church. Even though we think we know it all, we do need guidance and may the presence of God be brought into our youth's lives.

## COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

William G. Trudeau, Chair

At the 1978 Annual Conference, a Comprehensive Plan for Evangelism was adopted and remanded to local churches. Many of the items in that plan did not go beyond the door of the Kenai sanctuary. Several churches were not even able to secure chairpersons for the evangelism effort on the local scene and the Conference-wide network of information and idea sharing did not materialize. No accountability structure was formalized. But, several churches did take the plunge and make significant advances into the outward thrust of proclaiming the Good News. Northern Light United Church and First Church Fairbanks hosted Prayer Renewal Workshops, First Church Fairbanks attempted a shepherding program among members. Chugiak continued to develop its unique (in Alaska) Lay Care program and Turnagain Church Anchorage stepped up recruitment for its Fellowship of Andrew, a Lay Support min-

istry in the church. Jewel Lake Parish has nearly doubled its membership.

In May of 1979, the General Board of Discipleship, Section on Evangelism, invited Alaska to participate in a National School of Evangelism, and made funding available so that five congregations could send pastor and a layperson. Kenai, Fairbanks, Juneau, Sitka and Turnagain participated. We hoped as a Conference that each congregation would develop its own unique emphasis in Evangelism and, after a year, serve as a resource to other localities.

Though a group of excited persons returned to Alaska, in no local congregation did the momentum carry through. Initial planning committees fell apart in the local churches where they were established; there seemed to be no great desire to make the effort required of a major push in the arena.

When the group came together in May of this year to review what has happened, several explanations of "the Alaska situation" emerged. These probably have to be taken into consideration in future planning.

1. Evangelism is seen as the arena of pastors' responsibility. Several congregations stated this openly; more in the fact that movement stopped when planning moved to organizing for action.

2. There is a tremendous reticence to give time for the amount of effort required to "grow" a church. Pastors feel over-extended, and laypersons are unwilling to commit large blocks of time for planning, visiting, and mobilizing.

3. Alaskan churches seem to reach a given size of activity (200-300 members) and stop growing. While they replace members who move away or become inactive, they do not use that expertise to grow beyond their current membership. The committee suspects that some of this has to do with the "extended family" nature of our congregations. Significant growth becomes a threat to family cohesiveness and community. Turnagain and Northern Light especially seem to have some concern about the potential loss of "community feeling" in reaching out to too many newcomers.

4. Evangelism continues to be a "dirty word" among many United Methodists. We need to develop a theology of evangelism that fits our heritage and understanding of the Gospel. Evangelism IS a four letter word.... Love.

5. Where evangelism is working in local churches, it is doing so because of the strong leadership of one or two persons with a specific interest: Northern Light has two leaders for a Sunday evening worship experience; Fairbanks has an excited Greeter; Turnagain has an active women's consciousness group and music program.

But these limitations have not condemned the year. There are important breakthroughs: Kenai is more aware of the need to care for their church; Turnagain is growing in the number of new families out of the community relating to it; Northern Light is experiencing growth among Native families; and Fairbanks is investigating a resurgence of spiritual growth. As they say in that congregation: "Something is about to happen!"

## STEWARDSHIP CULTIVATION COMMITTEE

James Buffington, Chairperson

A meeting of the Stewardship Cultivation Committee was held on September 24 at the home of the Mission Superintendent. Discussion was held regarding the Pension Crusade. The need now is for the churches to move towards completion of this project by December 31, 1979. \$25,000 is needed

to complete the program. The committee is urging all churches to take a special offering between now and the end of the year to supplement the pledges. There will also be bulletin inserts these three remaining months.

The Major Funds Drive will be under the leadership of Juanita L. Ivie. Planning with Ms. Ivie will begin at the 1980 Pastor/Spouse Retreat. The purpose of the drive is to assist some present churches, build new churches and develop new ministries.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE - JURISDICTIONAL NOMINEES

Nominations to a Jurisdictional Pool for use by the Jurisdictional Nominating Committee

### Clergy:

John J. Shaffer	Nome
Keith B. Wise	Homer
Donald L. Hartman	Jewel Lake, Anchorage
Edmund B. Stanton	Superintendent
Roger D. Robison	East Anchorage

### Laywomen:

Barbara Shaffer	Nome
Danita Trudeau	Turnagain
Julia Smith	Sitka
Ruth McMillan	Soldotna
Eva Olds	

### Laymen:

F. Lawrence Bennett	Fairbanks
Donald Keil	First, Anchorage
Thomas Dahl	Turnagain, Anchorage
LeRoy Cook	Fairbanks
Amos J. Alter	Northern Light United, Juneau

### Ethnic Minority Persons:

Carol Benoit	Seward
Lincoln Saito	Sitka
Sandra Borbridge	Northern Light United, Juneau
Dan Alex	Anchor Park, Anchorage
Ocia May Curry	First, Anchorage

### Youth (under 18)

Kathleen Wise	Homer
Heidi Bergland	Anchor Park, Anchorage
Kathy Gibson	Fairbanks
Terri Lunas	Sitka
Bryan Brown	Chugiak

### Young Adult (18-31)

Mel Vosty	North Star, North Kenai
Susan Holway	Soldotna
Donna Lowman	Turnagain
Diana Froula	Anchor Park-United Campus Ministry, Fbks.
Phil Robison	East Anchorage

### Persons with a Handicapping Condition:

Joe Mash

Nominating Committee:

Bishop and the General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegation: John Shaffer, Larry Bennett, Keith Wise and Barbara Shaffer.

## CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

William G. Trudeau, Chair

It all began in the spring of 1974 with a statement of policies for home missionaries serving in Alaska. The statement that did it was a line limiting service to 12 years maximum within the state. At Pastor's/Spouse Retreat that year, it was suggested that some formal dialogue be opened between the Conference and the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries. A committee was appointed by the Bishop, to include the Superintendent, a pastor, a director of an institution, a layman and a laywoman. And when we met in Portland, we discovered a host of unresolved issues that needed to be discussed:

What WERE the personnel policies under which home missionaries came to Alaska? Several different statements were circulating!

Exactly who in the National Division makes decisions relating to Alaska? The National Board? The National Staff? Which staff in what area? Where does the Conference have authority to act?

Does funding need to come to Alaska piecemeal, or can it come via "Block" funding, so that Alaska can determine where it is spent, according to local priorities?

How are Advance Specials promoted and can Alaska seek ways to promote nationally, via Division funded itineration, giving to its programs?

What is the status of a "Missionary Conference"?

What about funds for church extension? Transfer of titles to property to the Conference and Local Churches? Missional strategy in Alaska? Declining availability of national funding support? Pensions?

And the list goes on.

The Consultation served as initiator and mediating body for the Alaska study carried out by Jim Davis in 1976. It began the process that eventually led to the Missionary Conference legislation committee in 1977. But, most important, it has provided a channel for communication within the National Division and between the Division and Alaska on matters of mutual concern and joint strategy.

Some continuing agenda items will provide useful and promising possibilities for the future:

1. While the goal of Conference is self-support, will it be important in the near future to increase National support in Church Extension, Native Alaskan ministries, and special mission thrusts in order to enable the Church to move decisively in current opportunities?

2. Is there a vehicle for joint planning between the National Division and the Alaska Missionary Conference? Might it be well, for instance, to make Division staff available to Conference Council on Ministries meetings or other strategy sessions?

3. How can the Conference use its Advance Special approval process to prioritize its own future goals?

4. What impact will the possibility of Conference membership for pastors



have on benefits like continuing education grants, itineration for support of Alaska, turnaround, and the like?

To this Conference, the Consultation Committee makes the following statements:

"The Continuing Consultation Committee affirms the direction of the Native Ministries Committee in the decision to employ staff. We consider the efforts at addressing the needs of Native people to be wholly consistent with General Conference action mandating the Church to give highest priority to the development of ministries with Natives. We look forward to cooperating with the work of the committee in every way possible."

"Regarding the transfer of property in Alaska to Alaskan Churches, we see no problem in such a transfer when a request is made from a local, incorporated congregation regarding property upon which churches are set. Other properties transferred to local churches must include statements of the missional use of such property and will be approved on a one-by-one basis. Transfers of non-local church property will depend upon common approval of guidelines setting forth the conditions and manner of transfer to the Conference Board of Trustees."

## CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Olive Robison, Chairperson

Besides supporting on-going task forces and committees, the Board of Church and Society has had the opportunity to take part in a regional conference, Century III, issues of the future. This was accomplished with seed money from the National Board and contributions of those attending.

Probably the greatest benefit was the association with people, both those from the National Board (who sometimes seem very remote) and church members who share our own concerns and dreams. Several reported that this "gave them a new impetus" to keep trying and doing. Another person reported: "This whole conference sees the work of the Church as facing and acting on social problems and I have never felt that before; I am so glad I came."

The group spent some time strategizing on how to be a functioning Board in Alaska, also on how to be aware and supportive of our several committees and projects. Attending were: Olive Robison, chair; Natalie Brooks, Criminal Justice; Mary Lou Lawhorn, Legislative Action; Greg Eicher, Native Support Group; Esther Combs, Native Ministries; Betty Luginbill and Kathleen Joose, Fairbanks Social Concerns Committee; Dan Amerson, John Shaffer and Keith Wise.

Immediately following the conference, Herman Will from the National Board, Division of World Peace, led seminars and lectured in Fairbanks, Anchorage and all four churches in Southeast! The breadth of his knowledge and his willingness to share are truly amazing; he spoke on Hunger and Disarmament, World Peace, Middle East and other areas on request.

As we come to the end of this quadrennial office, I wish to thank the many concerned people who are making these committees come alive, sometimes single-handedly, and also many others who are living out their Christian faith in a world of turmoil in quiet, perhaps unrecognized ways. I commend you all and urge you to redouble your efforts to seek and do God's Will.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Mary Lou Lawhorn, Chairperson

Telephone contact has been made on occasion to alert concerned individuals to the timing of certain bills; there has been no contact person in Juneau which makes this job difficult. A legislative newsletter is being published from Northern Light United Church, Juneau.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Natalie Brooks, Chairperson

As chairperson of Eagle River Advisory Council, I have met recently with representatives of the Moral Majority to interpret the need for a women's facility. This would be separate from the men's, but would allow scheduled use for the main gym, and access to GED and college courses. Eagle River was designed for this kind of double occupancy and is the most obvious and economical site. These meetings have stimulated greater activity of the Advisory Council.

Century III provided new incentive and led to the writing of a paper for the Future Frontiers Conference in Anchorage on "Problems of Re-Entry After Incarceration." Chugiak Church has a broader involvement in the ministry to Eagle River; church choir sang at the prison at Christmas, two elementary school groups presented concerts and were highly acclaimed; the Church was recognized by invitation to the prison JC's party. The new State Director of Corrections, Charles Campbell, has had a very positive impact on the situation.

## HUNGER TASK FORCE

Chuck Young, Chairperson

The Hunger Task Force put the issue of hunger before the 1979 Annual Conference with a powerful skit led by John Atwood and performed by the members of local United Methodist churches.

During Annual Conference, Hunger Task Force members (and others) discussed the perpetual problem of great distances between churches as a barrier to any Conference-wide programs on hunger. It was repeatedly mentioned that hunger concerns and programs should be -- and are being -- approached ecumenically in population centers. In various discussions it was brought up that one area we could work in more effectively that we have not is through mailings and telephone calls. Through these media we could both resource and encourage local congregations in hunger programs.

The Hunger Task Force wants to underline the fact that local congregations have been doing programs -- individually and ecumenically -- on hunger, and this is a great encouragement to the Hunger Task Force as well as to one another in the Conference.

We made four recommendations at the 1979 Conference. Here are the recommendations and a brief report on each.

1. Regular mailings from the task force to each local church hunger coordinator.

We had two mailings, one before Thanksgiving and another at the beginning of Lent. We asked for the names of local hunger coordinators and got better than a 50% reply.

2. We urge each local church to form small groups to use the book, **LIFE-STYLE ASSESSMENT**, a good exercise in value clarification.

We had previously given a copy of this book to each pastor and lay hunger coordinator (or other lay person) at the Lay/Clergy Retreat in February, 1979. We again encouraged its use at Annual Conference.

3. We urge each local church to observe a "Remembrance of World Hunger" on Thanksgiving Sunday.

In our HTF September letter we broadened our suggestions to anything between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

4. We urge a continued emphasis on study of subsistence needs, the resolution of opposing views that may lead to violent confrontations.

We took no specific action on this issue.

We submitted three resolutions to Annual Conference on whaling, energy conservation and the Nestle boycott. All were approved.

## RELIGION AND RACE

Jenny Alowa, Grace Arai, Nu Savala

This commission held an organizational meeting in April to make plans for the Special Emphasis on the Ethnic Minority Local Churches and to recommend members for a workable commission in the next quadrennium.

## ROLE AND STATUS OF WOMEN

Jean Stassel, Chairperson

This group has carried the responsibility of implementing this year's Special Emphasis on The Role of Women in God's World.

A packet including a paperback text and resource materials was presented to each pastor and each council on ministries at the fall charge conferences. Additional information and resources were distributed during the year. A "suitcase" of reading materials on WOMEN was circulated throughout the conference and will continue.

A survey of the churches revealed that: most churches were having a woman in the pulpit; some churches were concerned with sexism in language; a few churches were using the text "Women, Men and the Bible"; few were supporting legislation prohibiting discrimination against women, House Bill 411. Response was virtually 100%; that was good for our morale! Thanks.

A talent search for names of women who would be capable leaders resulted in about 100 names sent on to the Conference Nominating Committee.

## FAMILY

Joyce Edwards, Chairperson

The emphasis taken in the Family and the Church work area was to offer specific opportunities that would aid families to become stronger.

Television Awareness Training was offered. I am a licensed trainer for this program, which is designed to equip viewers with the knowledge to evaluate the ways in which television has an impact on our lives, our relationships and our values. An initial supply of textbooks was purchased. Letters and brochures have been sent to all the churches. A four week class and an evening presentation have been scheduled.

Materials for Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) were purchased for the Conference. The kit includes tapes, charts, books and an excellent leader's guide. Training and additional resources were offered to anyone interested. To date, these have not been used.

## FOOD BANK OF ALASKA

Mary Jane Landstrom

The Food Bank of Alaska Project has been recognized with a Missional Priority on Hunger grant from the Board of Global Ministry, United Methodist Church. This grant of \$20,000 has enabled the Food Bank to begin its program of salvaging surplus food in the Anchorage community for distribution to helping agencies which feed needy people. Marjorie Wooster (East Anchorage United Methodist Church, Anchorage) was an initiator of the program, and serves as vice president of the Board of Directors. Support was also given by Olive Robison on behalf of the Board of Church and Society, Alaska Missionary Conference. A director, Francis Pate, has been employed and the program is operating from a warehouse at 1025 Orca Street, Anchorage. For more information, write: Food Bank of Alaska, Box 3324, Anchorage, AK 99510.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Paul Jewell, Chairperson

Leadership Development programming throughout the conference might be characterized as "feast and famine" during the past Conference year. It has been famine in terms of requests from local churches for leadership development events or resourcing. It has been feast when we consider the multitude of opportunities members of the churches of the Conference have availed themselves of under the banner of "leadership development."

The feast's menu has included: Dean's Seminar, Camp Counselors seminars (these two in three areas of the state), United Methodist Women's seminars, workshops, Conference meetings, National meetings, Conference workshops relating to: Native Americans and Social Concerns, Lay Speaker's Courses: Basic and Advanced, Pastor-Spouse Retreat, Music, Art, Drama, and Dance:MADD Camp held in Fairbanks and Anchorage, and this does not

exhaust the "goodies." Almost all of these events were highly successful leadership development events and are due to local or Conference personnel's initiative. To those who initiated these programs, let me express the THANKS once again of members who benefited!

## EDUCATION

Chris Buffington, Chairperson

MADD Workshop (Music, Art, Drama, and Dance) held in the Anchorage and Fairbanks areas for teachers and leaders in Christian Education.

Christian Education Sunday -- A letter was mailed to all pastors to:

- A. Recognize those involved with Christian Education, perhaps a dedication service in the worship hour.
- B. Receive a special offering that would remain in the Conference for leadership training and teacher training.

Student Recognition Day -- A letter was mailed to all pastors to:

- A. Have college students assist in worship.
- B. Recognize all college students in some way.
- C. Receive a special offering for scholarship and loans.

Student Day Offering -- A letter was mailed to all pastors to:

- A. Honor the high school graduates.
- B. Receive a special offering for Ministerial loans and scholarships.

Celebration of 200th Anniversary of Church School -- Presentation of a skit at Alaska Missionary Conference to recognize this event.

## CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRY

Dennis and Susie Holway, Advisors

Two youth and one adult attended the National Youth Ministry Convocation in New Orleans, August, 1979.

Birchwood Snow-Camp (approximately 35 campers).

Southcentral (greater Anchorage area) Confirmation Retreat (43 youth).

Susan Hay itineration, April 13-26. Susan is with the Board of Discipleship Youth Ministry Division. She will have contact with approximately 16 of our churches.

Conference Council on Youth Ministry is to meet in conjunction with the Annual Conference at Fairbanks. We will maintain our three voting delegates with the remaining youth acting as Official Observers.

## OUTDOOR MINISTRY

Paul Jewell, Chairperson

I feel encouraged about our Outdoor Ministries program. The team-work across the Conference has been at a high level this past year. A special word of appreciation is due Bob McNabb and Jim Buffington who have worked dil-

igently and effectively as we have provided leadership training for Deans, Administrative Committees and Counselors for people in the Argetsinger, Birchwood and Bingle areas. I also want to commend those persons within the Conference who have served on each of the Camp Committees. From my vantage point, the Committees have been serving effectively.

One highlight was the Seminars led by Dr. Bob Harvey, Director of Youth Ministries and Outdoor Ministries, Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, held in Douglas, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. The Seminars were well attended and highly productive. Our Camps this summer will benefit from these excellent "leadership development" events.

Our statistical report, which has been circulated throughout the Conference, shows major increases in participation in the areas of Junior High, Family, Trail, Canoe, and "Other" Camps. The addition of the Senior High Camp at Birchwood with Dan Amerson serving as Dean was an important addition to our program.

The offerings for the coming summer have been expanded by the following new Camps: Rafting, Glacier Hike, and Ecumenical Family Camps sponsored by the Bingle Committee and the Resurrection Trail Family Camp and the Parsonage Family Canoe Camp sponsored by the Alaska Missionary Conference.

I will sorely miss being associated with the outstanding lay and clergy leadership involved in our camping program, but my "cup overflows" as I think of these persons who lead and counsel and administer!

## COMMUNICATIONS

Donald L. Hartman, Chairperson

The main accomplishment during the past year was the completion of the new AV Catalog. In preparation for this, a thorough check of films and filmstrips was made for the purpose of eliminating out-of-date and damaged material.

The new catalog includes all cassette tapes in the library and films available through the Presbyterian office. New filmstrips were also purchased and one new movie.

## MISSIONER

Susie and Dennis Holway, Editors

Due to a lack of material, the fall issue of the Missioner did not make the press. A February issue was published and a second issue is expected to be in the local churches by the middle of May.

## NATIVE MINISTRY

Esther Combs, Chairperson

There were four meetings held by the Native Ministries Committee in

1979: September 26, October 27, November 17 and December 12.

During the summer, Thomas Fassett of the Board of Church and Society assisted the committee in setting goals and strategizing plans, and consequently, the September 26 meeting was really the first meeting for Native Ministries for some time. The committee lay dormant for about two years prior to that.

At the December 12 meeting it was decided to program the available funds (\$13,163 -- \$8,163 formerly designated for Salaries and \$5,000 from Global Ministries) for a Cultural Center. The Center would house oral and written Alaska Native lifestyle descriptions and legends. This would be made available to students and community in general. It was also hoped that the ready availability of material would encourage the United Methodist membership to utilize the resources to enhance their understanding of the Native culture.

In the January 16 meeting, Dr. Basi, Executive Dean for Academic Affairs at Alaska Pacific University, attended our meeting upon an invitation extended to him. He liked the resource center idea. However, he felt that the funds could be more effectively spent if this committee could serve as a catalyst in the proposed cultural center at Alaska Pacific University. Afterwards the committee discussed this and it was decided to hire a person to do a feasibility study of the cultural center to determine if serving as a catalyst would be within the goals and objectives of this committee. A great deal of research would need to be done regarding the cultural center before determining if our goals would be met.

To date a person has not been found. The committee members were to search out and propose a person; however, nearly every one of the members is fully employed and it is doubtful much time could be devoted to this effort.

## SALMON LAKE BIBLE CAMP

Kirk Perucca, Director

The theme of the camp was the parables of Jesus. We studied his parables during the Bible study everyday. Our worship services were centered around the theme also. I presented the general theme of the lesson. Then we broke into smaller groups sometimes and did such things as acting out the parable or cut pictures out of magazines depicting the parables. Sunday we studied Luke 12: 16-21, the rich fool. Monday we studied Luke 10: 30-37, the Good Samaritan. Tuesday we studied Luke 4: 1-8, the sower. Wednesday we studied Luke 14: 16-24, the great supper. Thursday we studied the Mustard Seed parable, Luke 13: 19.

The entire week was cloudy and cool with intermittent periods of rain. The weather put a damper on the whole camp's activities. Nevertheless the camp continued without any major disruption. We had a great afternoon of mountain climbing on Wednesday. Due to the fog and wind at the top of the mountain, not all of us made it to the top. Canoeing and swimming were a favorite of the youth. They swam and canoed every day.

Wednesday night a bear was sighted by some of the parents about a mile from camp. It proved to be an interesting experience. We gathered all of the children and brought them to the lodge. They were scared and it provided an opportunity to do some additional Bible study. None of the youth saw the bear and thankfully it did not bother us again.

We had work groups to take care of the many chores. We broke up into groups of five to carry water, help prepare the meals, help clean up after meals, and a group to keep the grounds of the camp clean. The groups rotated jobs every day. There was some grumbling about the work but it's a part of camp life.

We had some problems of homesickness. We tried to help each case and were fairly successful by getting the homesick person into a busy activity. Only one person created a problem.

All in all it was a successful camp. I feel each camper learned a lot and was able to keep something that will help him/her in life. We had a good group and I was pleased to be a part of the camp.

25 campers

5 staff

30 total

## ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS

Dee McNabb, Chairperson

I have not been able to do much in this area. Juneau sponsored a minister exchange Sunday Program that was very successful. This is done yearly. Juneau has a Co-operative Church Council that keeps lines of communication open.

I was on the nominating committee for the Alaska Christian Conference along with Ed Stanton. John Shaffer is president of the ACC.

## *J. INSTITUTION REPORTS*

### ALASKA CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Walter L. Hays

"The society we imagine would be one that put children first, not last, that saw the development of a vital, resourceful, caring, moral generation of Americans as the nation's highest priority. The devotion that individual parents now feel to their own children would be broadened to include everyone's children. The next generation's strength and well-being would become everyone's responsibility. 'How will it affect our children?' would be the first question we ask of every new technology, each innovation, all policies."

-- Kenneth Keniston

All Our Children

Planners often counsel institutional leadership that we need to plan, program and evaluate -- not from year to year -- but rather by decades, if we are really to gain historical perspective and be of ultimate service to society. Alaska Children's Services (ACS) has now celebrated its tenth birthday. We have much to be thankful for as we survey the past ten years. Three key areas of concern -- agency performance, projects and personnel, and relationship to the UMC -- deserve your attention:

AGENCY PERFORMANCE. This past year ACS served the needs of 1,000



children in our emergency shelters, community-based group homes and our residential treatment center, the Jesse Lee Home. This past summer our ministry was the subject of a feature article in the professional quarterly, "Residential Group Care".... In the past four years we have completely remodeled and/or refurbished seven of our cottages, shelter and group home units.... In 1975 ACS had no endowment to undergird its program. Based on gifts received and firm pledges, ACS will have a minimum of \$400,000 in its permanent endowment by year-end, 1981.... Our successful '77 Fund Campaign has given the agency new capacity for service and increased public credibility. Phase I of that campaign effort was celebrated in April of 1979 when we dedicated the beautiful new Activity Center at the Jesse Lee Home that has provided a marvelous setting for both our school and recreation programs. Phase II of the campaign effort is also being completed; a large residence has been purchased in South Anchorage and will become our ten-bed group home serving the needs of older teenagers. This facility will be occupied and dedicated debt-free this summer at a cost of \$200,000. Phase III of that campaign has also been completed since all future pledge payments will be placed in the agency's permanent endowment, as mentioned above.

**PROJECTS AND PERSONNEL.** 1980 was a double anniversary for our ministry. It marked the 90th Anniversary of the Jesse Lee Home and the 10th Anniversary of the expanded work of Alaska Children's Services. The high point of the year certainly was the events related to those twin anniversaries this past May. The Tenth Anniversary Celebration dinner was well attended and provided us with a marvelous opportunity to thank our donors, to honor two "sons" of the Jesse Lee Home -- P. Gordon Gould and Simeon Oliver -- and lift up the future. Sue Simpson served as co-chairman of this event and deserves a great deal of credit for its success; Blythe Stanton coordinated the exceptional set of displays to help tell the remarkable story of our ministry. The 90th Anniversary Reunion of the Jesse Lee "family" was a homecoming for some 100 Jesse Lee "children". We received a great deal of publicity regarding this homecoming event; and the human interest stories that were published regarding the Jesse Lee "kids", who ranged in age from their mid-30's to their young 80's, certainly bore eloquent testimony to the tremendous influence that this remarkable institution has had in shaping the lives of young Alaskans for the past nine decades. The Reunion really brought home to us the significant place the Jesse Lee Home has in Alaska's history and the importance of our United Methodist heritage. The Reunion was the inspired brainchild of three marvelous women, Betty Arnett, Jimmie King and Ann Rodgers. They spent literally hundreds of hours in preparation for the Reunion event and deserve full credit for its fine success... In conjunction with these twin anniversaries, ACS has launched a financial campaign as a part of its REACH (Reaching Excellence for Alaska's Children) long-range development program. Campaign '80 is seeking to raise \$1,000,000 to provide for the current needs of an emergency shelter to serve the needs of younger children, needed salary raises for all staff and the permanent position of a business manager. Three-quarters of the campaign goal is to secure a permanent endowment that would assist in underwriting an expanded cultural heritage program for all children, the professional position of a chaplain, and guaranteed salary support for our staff over the next several years. It is quite obvious that our base of support must be broadened, and that new and continued private gifts must be secured if ACS is to continue to be a standard-setting agency for child welfare in the state.... ACS is fortunate to have the able and effective

leadership of John Garvin as Executive Director. John's ability and influence have been felt in a wider sphere during the past year as he has served as President of the Alaska Association of Homes for Children. In 1981 John will co-chair the Northwestern Regional Conference of the Child Welfare League of America that will be held in Anchorage. This event will bring 500 child welfare professionals to Alaska from the Western United States and Canadian provinces, and we trust it will help bring a needed focus to the needs of Alaska's children; both to the general public and the makers of public policy.

**RELATIONSHIP TO THE UMC.** ACS is proud to be a specialized ministry of United Methodism. We are fortunate indeed to have a vast network of individuals and churches throughout the nation that support our work through private gifts. Advance Special gifts for the part-time work of David Fison at the Jesse Lee Home have been especially appreciated this past school year. David has added a rich dimension to the lives of the children at Jesse Lee as a religious educator and arts and crafts teacher.... We are also grateful for a remarkable core of United Methodist laypersons who have given so generously of their time and expertise in guiding our agency. Board members Tom Dahl, Barbara Eaton, Dave Froula, Sue Simpson, Sharon Gagnon and Vivian Senungetuk are dedicated, able and effective. Frank and Hope Turpin, members of St. John United Methodist Church, are providing dedicated and positive leadership for our current financial campaign.... When the apostle James wrote to his sisters and brothers and encouraged them to be "doers" of the word, he certainly must have had in mind a people of God that would be raised up by John Wesley to accept that challenge. We are deeply grateful for our United Methodist roots and this remarkable leadership. Gordon Gould has often quoted an old sea captain who said that the Jesse Lee Home (as it served so well for 35 years in Unalaska) was a "lighthouse of hope in the darkness of Western Alaska." ACS seeks to continue to be that lighthouse bringing hope and wholeness and new possibilities to the lives of troubled children. We pledge to you our best efforts and seek your prayerful support.

## ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Glenn A. Olds, President

Undoubtedly this, the third year in the new life of Alaska Pacific University, reflected its greatest advances in all areas of its development.

The year began with considerable concern over financial viability, but in October, the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust, after two years of cultivation by President Glenn A. Olds, presented the university with a matching gift of \$250,000 with the promise of an additional \$250,000 provided we were successful in the match. While many matching gifts were received, a single gift of \$250,000 assured the success of the challenge. The resulting \$750,000 plus an anonymous gift of \$50,000 gave the assurance of our continuing development.

Further confidence was expressed in a grant of \$343,000 from Control Data Corporation of Minneapolis for the specific purpose of mounting a computer-assisted educational program not only for our own students and the Anchorage community, but for distribution among native villages of Alaska to bring basic skills education to Alaska's first citizens. Called "Plato", this program will be in full operation by the fall of 1980.

The growing support of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries,

the Three College and University Fund, and the Division of Higher Education, along with our Advance Special status, is still felt to be primarily essential to our ongoing development. We express our full gratitude for that support.

To the churches of the Alaska Missionary Conference, we issued a particular cry of help to support two of our students in "Earn and Learn" jobs that might have been lost without such support. We are most grateful to the discretionary fund of the First United Methodist Church of Anchorage for its \$100 gift to save those much needed student jobs.

Our enrollment has grown from a handful of students three years ago when the University reopened its doors to a total of 600 students for this Spring semester. That figure represents all enrollees in all courses; 209 in the College of Arts and Sciences, 39 in our Graduate College and 352 in our College of Continuing Education. That 600 represents a full-time equivalency of 170. Regular full-time students number 65. It is clear that the Anchorage community is taking full advantage of our many Continuing Education offerings. Strong recruiting efforts are underway to assure the continuing growth of full-time students. Several faculty positions will be added for the coming year to accomodate expanded curriculum and enrollment.

We are particularly grateful for the teaching services of several United Methodist ministers of the Alaska Missionary Conference. Our program of religious studies is strong because of their volunteer effort.

We are pleased with the cultural mix that makes up our campus community. Anchorage' reputation as the "air crossroads of the world" is reflected in Alaska Pacific University students from Gambia, Nigeria, Ghana, Tonga, Mexico, Japan and Korea. Our Alaska natives and our caucasians from all 50 states know they are a part of a developing program of international understanding and cooperation so necessary for the 21st century peace and prosperity.

Our long developing China Institute Program awaits proper funding before we can expect that first group of Chinese students on our campus for orientation to American customs, economics, policies, etc. We are confident of its eventual fruition.

Of course, there are many challenges yet to be surmounted. Any University in the first years of its growth, particularly one that has closed for a year, carries burdens requiring much patience and fortitude. We are grateful for the loyalties of dedicated faculty, staff and students that have seen us through the difficult months of rebirth.

In late April, we signed a contract with Community Contract Services, who will guide us through a major fund-raising campaign. The task of modern philanthropy has become so specialized that administrative staff members, already overburdened with the many details of daily commitments, cannot be "broken loose" for full-time commitment to the funding task. The guidance of professional fund-raising counsel will help cover the necessary commitments for a successful campaign.

In academic development, in addition to normal curriculum expansion, Provost Raj Basi will travel the Pacific Rim this summer to enlist 10 colleges and universities in cooperative exchange arrangements enabling students from all these institutions to enjoy cross-cultural educational experience. Alaska Pacific University will anchor this new consortium.

We trust that next year's report to the Alaska Missionary Conference will show added development. One of our prime goals is to earn and deserve the support of the Conference. We are grateful for support that comes in these struggling years to build a New University for a New World.

## NOME COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Nome Community Center is a community agency designed to serve all the people, regardless of race, religious faith, economic or cultural status. Our primary focus has been toward disadvantaged people in our community, whether that disadvantage is economic, social, political or any other form. The highlights of the year can be summarized as follows:

**Youth Employment --** The Center has 13 youth employed to work in our programs. Following one week of orientation, the youth were assigned to specific program areas depending upon personal interest, skills of the worker, and the needs of the Community Center. This year the youth will be assisting with Day Camp at Camp Dexter, Playground Program, Youth Softball, Teen Center, Special Events. The project will select six youth to participate in traditional subsistence lifestyle activities with elders in coordination with Nome Eskimo Community. They will spend the summer at camp sites around Nome.

**Girls Only Funded --** The Alaska Department of Social Services has funded this program for the purposes of conducting an innovative new program to aid adolescent girls in our community of Nome, the program's overall goal being to assist adolescent girls to identify and expand upon those aspects of their lives which are beneficial to their development as women. This is an effort by the Center to reach young women who have been inadequately served by existing programs and services in our region. The program offers Girls Only Nights at the Teen Center, which offered a variety of activities. The pregnant teens program has expanded to include two groups of girls, those who are pregnant and going through the program for the first time. Areas covered include a film on childbirth, exercises and breathing, a rubber model which demonstrates the delivery process, tour of labor/delivery rooms at the hospital, breastfeeding and baby care.

During the first week of July, the Center hosted 100 youth from more than 10 villages in Western Alaska. The youths, ages 10-15, were participating in the Jesse Owens Games sponsored by ARCO and all activities conducted by the Recreation Department. Of the more than 100 youth participants in Nome, 18 youths qualified in 18 separate events for the Regional Competition, which was held in Fairbanks.

The Community Center has new officers, who were elected at our March 13, 1980 Annual Meeting. They are Brenda Johnson, President; Mike Chmielowski, Vice-President; Paul Sterling, Treasurer; Katherine Tobuk, Secretary. Other new board members elected are as follows, with the addition of two youth members representing the teens: Chris Rider, David Karp, Laura Wilkalkia, Mary A. Carter, Gabriel Muktoyuk, Helen Senungetuk, Esther Bourdon, John Shaffer and Caleb Dotomain.

Another expansion of our services is the Alcohol Education course for youth, with six major subject areas. Each session will last approximately two hours. The sessions will be informal, using visual aids and discussion. Session I - Where did alcohol come from?; Session II - The Alcohol Image - film; Session III - From Use to Addiction; Session IV - Personal Experiences with Alcohol; Session V - Personal Experiences with Alcohol; Session VI - Aspects of Alcohol. The goal of the program is to provide information that will assist youth to modify their drinking behavior.

The other programs offered: Teen Center for creative, recreational, library, tutoring, theater groups and outdoor camping experience.

The Diversion of Youth and Delinquency Prevention programs offer delinquent youth legal advocacy, individual, group and family counseling, structured recreational activities and special outdoor events. The Recreation Program is a comprehensive program for all ages where the following are offered: summer day camp, summer playground program, softball for over 100 youth, ice rink, gym scheduling for volleyball, basketball, etc. and special events. The senior program offers nutrition, bilingual, transportation, escort, recreation and many support services.

The Community Center is still the only agency that is able to continue as a center to provide the comprehensive programs for the Community of Nome.

## UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY, FAIRBANKS

Chuck Young, Director

United Campus Ministry at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks campus was not only "alive and well" during the 1979-80 school year, but ventured in new directions. Programs which continued with good effect were: 1) weekly Sunday morning worship, dialogue and fellowship; 2) Sunday evening fellowship; 3) World Hunger Week; 4) Christmas break survival program (including student/family linking); 5) Fall weekend retreat on "Christianity and Values Clarification" to McKinley/Denali National Park; 6) Spring Break five-day retreat on "Christian Values and Human Sexuality" at Harding Lake; 7) Baccalaureate. Along with these programs has been the usual weekly newsletter, formal and informal counseling, University and community liaison work, weekly Resident Assistant meetings, pastoral calling, our Spring "Post-exam Bash" at Chena Hot Springs, and other activities and services which round out any comprehensive campus ministry.

Four new items have this year brought increased liveliness and depth to the reality behind the acronym "UCM". First, a grant for \$10,000 from the United Methodist Church's Boards of Higher Education and Ministry, and Church and Society, made possible an experiment in beginning a research/advocacy group and offering six \$600 scholarships for the study of and advocacy for the protection of the subsistence lifestyle in Alaska. A sustainable group was not established, but all six scholarships were awarded and some valuable projects relating to subsistence were done. This action has opened the way for a different approach to keeping the issue of subsistence before the campus in 1980-81, under UCM auspices. Second, in the light of President Carter's attempts to reinstate registration and the draft, UCM, in cooperation with the campus Quaker group, organized the Committee for Draft Alternatives, and held three programs concerning draft issues and alternatives. A mailing list for on-going contact was formed. Third, a three credit "Basic Bible" course was initiated through Tanana Valley Community College, taught by Chuck. The course "filled" and has received some excellent student evaluations so that its continuation as a regular TVCC course is virtually assured. Finally, a mini-retreat (Friday evening and all day Saturday in a local church) on "Christianity and Sociology" with a Christian sociology professor as leader was held in October. This has paved the way for another retreat on "Christianity and Anthropology" all set for Fall 1980 with an Episcopalian professor of anthropology.

Along with the above activities, led basically by the Director, Chuck

Young, UCM is the banner for the work of Betty Luginbill of First United Methodist Church, who has worked at least ten hours a week on campus, doing calling, Bible studies, and formal and informal counseling, as well as meeting in weekly staff sessions with Fr. Jim Kolb, Diane Froula (UCM secretary, and increasingly serving as student assistant) and Chuck. Close cooperation and support continues to exist between Jim as Pastor of St. Mark's University Catholic Parish and UCM.

Organizationally, the Corporation and Executive Committee has matured during 1979-80. The Evaluation Committee became the Personnel Committee and has clearer guidelines for its work, and the Finance Committee began to see fund raising included in its work, although this has not begun to be fleshed out as yet. Also the Executive Committee has met monthly without fail to deal with the day-to-day issues of keeping UCM functioning. Attendance and participation has been excellent at both Executive Committee and Corporation meetings. Perhaps the most important move of the year for the Corporation was the commitment and first steps toward developing a mission statement to provide direction for United Campus Ministry.

Even in the midst of all this activity, UCM has been (much of the time) a place -- our office in Constitution Hall -- where people, students, but also faculty, staff and community people, could come to relax and share in important relationships. Also, Chuck has found time to eat meals in the commons, goof off in the games area at Wood Center (but stay lousy at pin ball!) and just generally "be present" to students and others.

Perhaps the key to getting hold of the 1979-80 year at UCM is seen in the fact that we kept the best of 1978-79, created new programs and styles during 1979-80, and now at the end of this year, see good things to continue and new things to try in 1980-81. We ask your support and prayers as United Campus Ministry ventures and serves on behalf of the Christian church under the particular auspices of the Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian and United Methodist churches.

Joy and Justice!

## UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY MINISTRY, ANCHORAGE

David Fison

June 1980 marks 20 years of our ministry in Alaska and my second year as campus minister for APU, ACC, and UAA, Anchorage. Beginning in the fall I expect to assume most of the campus ministry responsibility as the Baptists do not anticipate replacing Mark Boes and Father Bramble will be reduced to ¼ time. Therefore, UCM will be more necessary than ever.

Most of the ministry is with individuals on the three campuses. However, we also provide programs and events. Three new ones this year were so well received they have become regular calendared events.

Sacred Arts Competition - Forty-seven entries came from students of the three schools. Eight awards totaling \$500 were provided by our three Treasurers. The art works were galleried at ACC/UAA and APU.

Easter Sunrise Service on Mt. Alyeska was well attended by students and staff. Others swelled the number to about 300. Students assisted in the service.

"Final Resting Place" for student to relax during finals. Popcorn and

punch are provided.

I participate in many other ways, such as: a resource person for classes, a member of Director Search Committees; leadership with commencement ceremonies; student extra-curricular programs; and staff or faculty meetings.

At APU this fall I am providing a credit course called Faith Stories. Persons of faith will share their struggles and resolutions with students during the noon hour. It is hoped that this will reach more students than our "chapel services".

A word of thanks to the eleven denominations that provide this ministry and to our dedicated board members.

## BIRCHWOOD CAMP

Chris Brooks, Chairperson

1980 sees Birchwood in its twentieth camping season. We have come a long way since 1960 when a work camp built two platforms: one for a mess tent and one for sleeping. In 1960 there was no electricity, no telephone, no water, no restrooms, and no road.

1980 finds Birchwood with a multi-purpose lodge that can feed 100 persons, six sleeping cabins with a capacity of 72, a mini-lodge with a capacity of six, a staff cabin, a bath house, a picnic shelter, a manager's home, swimming area, softball diamond, wilderness camping area, year-round camping, four row boats and six canoes.

The 1980 camping programs include five resident camps, ranging from 3rd-4th grade to family: quite different from 1960 when camping began with one work camp. Two camps this year will be focused on native culture, in keeping with the priority of the ethnic minority local church. Family camp will emphasize the International Year of the Family.

We were fortunate this year to have Bob Harvey, Director of Camping in the Oregon-Idaho Conference, here in April to provide staff training. Thanks to Paul Jewell for arranging for Bob to be with us.

I traveled to Glen Rose, Texas, in March for the National Meeting of Camp Leaders. The emphases of the meeting were Ethnic Minority Camping and Food Stewardship. The time spent at Glen Rose was truly a high point in my life.

In these times of double digit inflation, Birchwood Camp is also a victim. At the end of May, Birchwood had to borrow \$826.83 to pay monthly expenses. Only one church in the Alaska Missionary Conference provides Birchwood with financial operating assistance. Our budget chairman estimates that each camp this season will need at least 40 campers to break even. One way we hope to raise funds to repay the borrowed money is by the sale of Birchwood T-shirts.

This summer we are hosting two workteams. They will build another mini-lodge. The logs and boards for this project are being cut from trees that blew down on the property last winter.

We have three recommendations for the churches of the Conference:

1. That each church vigorously promote camping.
2. That each church (or perhaps two together) take on and be responsible for a building project. (We will have more logs for more cabins.)
3. That each church show that they support camping at Birchwood

by providing for financial assistance in their 1981 budgets.

## WESLEYAN NURSING HOME

Mildred L. Pelch, Administrator

Wesleyan Nursing Home, Inc. is a 64-bed facility certified for skilled and intermediate nursing care that meets all State and Federal regulations.

It was built in 1952 by the Women's Division as a nurses residence for the Seward General Hospital and Seward San. nurses. It was remodeled and opened as a Chronic Disease Hospital July 1, 1958. During the mid-60's, as the treatment changed from in-patient to out-patient care of Tuberculosis, Wesleyan became a licensed nursing home.

In 1971, a grant of \$600,000 was received from the State of Alaska to add an addition of 40 beds to the existing building. The addition was completed and dedicated July, 1972. In 1977 the dining area was enlarged and administrative offices constructed above the area. In 1978 the kitchen was remodeled and furnished with new equipment.

Wesleyan is a concrete structure situated on a hill overlooking beautiful Resurrection Bay and the mountains. The building and grounds are owned by the Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries, the United Methodist Church.

The nursing home is governed by a nine member Board of Trustees. Two-thirds are members of the Seward United Methodist Church. The nursing home is self-supporting by its own program funds. The facility employs 51. There is a pension plan and health insurance plan paid 100% by the nursing home.

All types of programs are offered for the enjoyment of the residents. The Seward Ministerial Association has services every Sunday and visits during the week. Social Services, birthday parties, arts and crafts, attendance at community programs and movies are available for the residents.

Inflation continues at an all-time high, but we are successful in maintaining our super standard of care at a cost well below the rate being charged by other long-term care facilities in the state.

## K. PASTORS' REPORTS

### GIRDWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GIRDWOOD

David Fison, Pastor

Through the good offices of Ed Stanton, property was purchased at Girdwood/Alyeska from the state for \$2,222.60. Since the building overlaps the next plot, we have to relocate the building this summer. A \$5,000 grant request has been made to the Board of Global Ministry for the project. We appreciate Loman Young for volunteering to oversee this project.

Since Alyeska Ski Resort installed its night lighting system, attendance of skiers has dropped off noticeably. This is reflected in our lower average attendance. Not counting Easter, the average attendance is six. Our Easter Sun-



rise Service on Mt. Alyeska was attended by about 300 this year. Many were from the three colleges and universities of Anchorage. Students assisted with the service.

Services are still held each Saturday evening. Special commendation is due to the Bursiel and Williams families for their steadfast loyalty since the church's beginning.

## NORTH STAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NIKISKI

Mel Vostry, Pastor

In an attempt to state in a phrase what I've witnessed at North Star Church, I'd have to use phrases like: Coming of age, Maturing as a church, and Discovering the meaning of church and community. To put it another way, God has moved us a long way from where we started.

What progress we've made in the area of finances! North Star went from non-self supporting status two years ago (budget of \$5,000), to self supporting, and in 1980 seriously considering a building program. This financial growth is exciting but what really adds meaning for me is to hear members of the church talking about our responsibility to give more to Mission and Con-nec-tional projects. We've come to view North Star not only as our church, but as a part of the larger Church and we are committing ourselves to that Church.

One of the things that was once a matter of concern is now an area of strength and growth. We are taking a much deeper interest and concern in one another. The folks at North Star are experiencing a new depth of Christian fellowship and community. This is evidenced in the free and open sharing of joys and prayer concerns in Sunday worship and in the prayer meeting and sharing groups through the week.

Apparently this feeling of community with its elements of caring and fellowship are evident to visitors and prospective members. It was recently noted that of 35 persons in attendance on Sunday morning, 25 of them had not been there a year ago. I believe this new depth of fellowship and caring is the result of a desire on the part of many to experience total Christianity. This is to say, the church is experiencing growth in the Holy Spirit. In a serious attempt to understand more fully the gifts and ministry of healing, we have made healing an emphasis in our Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

While we've grown in some areas, it seems we've only maintained others. Our Sunday School Program has remained rather small except for a substantial amount of growth in the adult class. The Senior High Youth program has had its ups and downs but has grown overall. The wilderness trip, the Swanson River canoe trip, the Planning Retreat in Hope, and participation in the Mission Winter Camp at Birchwood have been some of our high points. And we can't forget our Tuesday night volleyball for adults and older youth (with Judo, excuse me, thrown in) which has provided an "open back door" into the life of the church for several persons.

This report would not be complete without mentioning a very significant change at North Star Church. In the past three years North Star has been served by a "Worker-Priest", a full-time Elder and now by a married minister. Debbie has enriched my life and ministry and has carried on her own ministry

with a loving, open, and joyous spirit. The church and I have been blessed by her life.

## SEWARD MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEWARD

Revelle Roach, Pastor

Seward can report another great year! Some people have come to replace those who have lived with us and enriched our fellowship, and then moved on to other places of livelihood! And presently we know of families who will be leaving when school closes for this year. And while it's wonderful to receive new families and talents, and difficult to have them leave us, it is also a great challenge for local churches. We are always in the process of becoming, with ideas and labors and witness of new people.

Our Financial year has been good again! Our Pension was paid 105%, with additional giving yet coming! We assumed additional financial responsibility, met and exceeded our goals! Our attendance has remained about stable. Our Programs have continued with interest and good participation (although our Church School, as well as our public schools, have decreased) in every area.

This spring we have completely renovated our building. New paint in all areas of Sanctuary and Basement, drapes, altar cloths, curtains, etc., all new and fresh and wholesome!

This is our last year in Seward and Alaska Mission. It is also our last year in full ministry! Estelle and I have served with joy, and we hope, with faithfulness, for 44 years, seven of which have been in Alaska. We have experienced many changes and innovations and programs during those years. We are sure the Church is more vital and contemporary and committed than ever before! We rejoice that we have been privileged to be a part of it in our several parishes and places. ALL have been great. Many have said of our appointments, "The Roaches manage to get the best appointments in Conference!" We're sure that is true by the time we left, not always seemingly so when we were appointed! But they have been great years, not one of which we would have traded for any other calling or profession we know! Not only have these people and places enriched our lives, but YOU have also! Alaska Mission families are a wonderful, warm, unique fellowship! You've made our lives enjoyable beyond description! For this we say a humble and sincere "THANK YOU!"

We do look forward to our retirement! Estelle and I have plans for at least 1,000 years! All the places and things and projects we'll not quite realize, but know that we'll be joyfully in the midst of them when time runs out on us! We have no immediate and specific plans as to where we'll live or just when we'll "settle." Presently we plan to travel.... see the many places and people and experiences we've just hurriedly passed through. These years in Alaska Mission have truly been the BEST YEARS OF OUR MINISTRY! Thanks be to God, to all these wonderful people, and you! God's blessing upon you all.

## MOOSE PASS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MOOSE PASS

Revelle Roach, Pastor

Moose Pass is truly one of the most delightful, unique, and enriching experiences anywhere! Here is a Fellowship and spirit that makes every gathering a time of joy! No one comes to Worship in Moose Pass without feeling this special "something" in our gathered presence. It has truly enriched our lives!

While Moose Pass is quite small and our numbers few, we have been faithful in the responsibilities committed to us! Nowhere in all of Alaska Mission or Methodism, is there finer faithfulness! Our attendance is 100% in Worship, Fellowship, Financial Support and Witness! Everyone is present and accounted for when in town! But Moose Pass, like other Alaska villages, is having a marked decrease in number of children, both in Church and Public Schools. It's a struggle just to hold our own in numbers and responsibilities....

The drive to Moose Pass is about 30 miles of the most glorious and scenic and delightful one can experience! Whatever the weather and road conditions, we and the people arrive for Worship with rejoicing in THIS day which our Lord has made and given us! How we're going to miss these drives in winter wonderland and springtime splendor, summer grandeur and fall glory!

Every Lord's Day we will remember, join them in spirit and a prayer, and worship with them, even though we are far from them in person. Here is truly a "tie that binds!"

So, Moose Pass and Seward are a precious treasure entrusted to us for a brief time, to enrich our souls, sustain our faith, and encourage our hopes. With a sense of their high esteem, we pass on to our successors, these wonderful people and this special parish.

## SITKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SITKA

R. Dan Amerson, Pastor

When one thinks of Sitka, several images come to mind: rain, more rain, and then some more rain. This seems to be a part of living in Southeast Alaska, and to a certain extent, it seems that there comes a point where one does not even notice the rain. Then come those glorious, beautiful days when the sun shines so brightly and one realizes that there is no prettier place in Alaska than Sitka!

But beautiful scenery and a "little" rain are not the only things in Sitka. There is an active, involved United Methodist Church in the community. Hard working, committed Christian people have united to share their "common pilgrimage of faith." It is not all "a bed of roses," for we share a lot of struggles together; and yes, we even fuss and fight together. But that is only because we love and care for one another and our shared ministries.

To some it is a "mix-mess" of a lot of different people doing a lot of different things; and, I suspect, that I will have to agree with that evaluation. But "ain't it great!" We might just be the epitome of pluralism. All the different interests, ideas, personalities all under one big umbrella. It sure keeps a pastor hoppin', Just look at some of the varied ministries:

a weekend seminar and ministry to homosexuals  
an Alternative Christmas Celebration with gift ideas

a 300% increase in Junior High camping  
22 Senior Highs to Convo  
Holocaust Remembrance Week activities  
involvement in "battered spouse" shelter  
training in National School of Evangelism  
working with Southeast Asian refugees  
a Rally Day with all but 3 resident members present  
completion of a new parsonage

Don't get me wrong, we aren't a bunch of angels. Not even saints. Rather, we are United Methodists.... saints and sinners at the same time.... who are searching for truth, struggling for faithful living, and hoping for new beginnings.

## **SOLDOTNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOLDOTNA**

**Dennis B. Holway, Pastor**

As I look at our church I see it as a stabilizing influence within a community that is being buffeted economically, politically, and socially. It has been a year of "causes." Between the concerns of the Moral Majority and those on the Peninsula that advocate seceding from the Union, life goes on.

This past summer, in order to shore-up some needed improvements at the parsonage and church, we hosted a 20-member workteam from the North Broadway United Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

During the fall months the Building Committee interviewed several architects and at the Annual Church Conference our architect was selected. The Committee is now in the process of securing preliminary plans for a new sanctuary unit. The United Methodist Circuit Rider stewardship drive was used successfully, and our pledge base was broadened significantly. Also, the fall program was enhanced by a month-long emphasis upon the World Wide Communion offering. The "I Can" system of giving was promoted and used very successfully.

Our youth sponsored the 3rd annual haunted house for the children of our church and community. The UMW officers participated in a regional event in Seward and have been helpful in breathing a renewed level of enthusiasm into our group.

As a church, we have maintained a steady level of attendance and membership which is consistent with the temporary dormancy of our community. Two more adults have completed Lay Speaker training. We now have six active certified lay speakers.

We have also continued our emphasis upon ecumenical activity. One of the highlights of the year was a combined Catholic, American Lutheran, and United Methodist Thanksgiving Eve service which was interrupted by a power outage. In a matter of minutes the church was aglow with candles.

Our Advent Family Night has remained another highlight of our church year. And this was the first time many can remember our church sharing in an Easter sunrise service. It was a beautiful morning on the hillside of Calvin and Jane Fair's homestead, overlooking the Kenai River and mountain range. Each of our three services was well attended.

As a church we also have a cause. It is rooted in an historical flow that unites us with those who accepted God's first covenant. We, too, fall short of our call, yet we press on in an effort to be what we were called to be and do.

## CHURCH OF THE NEW COVENANT KENAI

Arthur P. Knight, Pastor

It is almost trite to say that measuring the condition of the church is a difficult thing to do. So many intangible and subjective values are involved, and it is tempting to say that statistics cannot tell the whole story. That is true; but the church is not totally intangible; the gospel does have an effect in the world which is, in some sense, there for all to see.

Among the more tangible aspects of the Church of the New Covenant are a Sunday School still vital and averaging over 50 each Sunday, an increase in worship attendance of about 10%, and 12 new members since the first of the year.

New leadership has developed to fill many of the church offices; and this has contributed in no small way to a spreading sense of responsibility in the church -- a sense of financial responsibility and, perhaps more important, for the mission of the church, local and worldwide. In fact, one of the chief appeals of this congregation is in what might be called a sense of caring -- for those without as well as within the fellowship. The challenges come, as always, in finding ways to express and make effective that care.

Old friends have left, new ones have come, the shape of the church is a little different than it was even a short time past. With the help of God's constant renewing grace, the Church of the New Covenant will continue to grow, to serve, to proclaim and live the gospel.

## ANCHOR PARK ANCHORAGE

Arthur Edwards, Pastor

Anchor Park 1979 is: Growth/Transition

Hopeful, growing, exciting proof that congregations are a renewable resource.

The "Great Banquet" where no one said, "I cannot come" and every chair in the church was occupied.

A church in substantial transition to a period of stability marked by a unified congregation in full support of the pastoral family.

A congregation of people who enjoy being together in worship, fellowship, and service.

A year of change, change of direction, change of spirit, change of heart.

A time for growing inwardly and outwardly.

Sharing, working together to grow, laughter.

A renewed spirit.

A developing, concerned fellowship of Christians striving to know God's will in our lives and today's society.

### **Anchor Park 1979 is: Children and Families**

Children running forward for children's time, pushing straws through potatoes, walking the plank, eating unsliced cookies, finding an Easter present in an empty box, seeing God alive and magic afoot, and finding "sermons in stones."

Baptisms and a hand-crafted baptismal fount.

Full of love and joy, a "closeness" among the members.

A friendly haven and a home away from home.

A loving, concerned family growing together in spirit and the knowledge of God's love.

A place where we are learning to let the children come and discovering in them something of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Becoming more warm, more human, more alive, more bubbly, more enthusiastic.

### **Anchor Park 1979 is: Worship and Service**

Joyous and deeply worshipful.

A church that went into the woods together learning to pray and play in Jesus' name.

Flickering Christmas candles lighting the heart, Maundy Thursday's candle-lit communion, Good Friday's darkness and the fresh flowering of Easter amidst the beauty of butterflies' wings.

Youth "rocking" for missions and children selling spaghetti and adults preparing a reception for a family in need.

A fellowship where the "service" is always a delight.

A need for more of Jesus, repentance, new birth and salvation.

The idea that the world is a play and we Christians are actors in it; and we better not forget our lines.

A place where the intuitive recognition of God's love is in the forefront without rejecting the historical or intellectual aspects of contemporary Christian thought.

A song joyfully sung!

## **BAYSHORE ANCHORAGE**

Ty Curtis, Pastor

Greetings from Bayshore United Methodist Church!

"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 3: 46, 47

When the time is ripe for the church to grow, hang on, because it's exciting! And what an exciting time it has been since last June. Chartered that month, Bayshore Church had 30 in attendance the first Sunday we worshipped together. Membership stood at 23.

July and August saw a number of desserts for the congregation so we could begin to get to know one another. Our first newsletter came out in August announcing the "Evening for Couples" class and "Care and Share" wo-

men's group that were starting. We had our first baptism and four joined.

A seminar on the Holy Spirit was held during October with our first all-church retreat at Birchwood. In November we started our mid-week worship. December saw 65 attend our Christmas worship with 52 at Christmas Eve communion. We had our second retreat over New Year's Eve at Birchwood as the mercury dipped to 40 below. We pledged \$25,000 to our budget.

The big news in January was the purchase of a parsonage and the move into the new quarters. We celebrated with a skating party. An in-depth Bible Study also started off that month. A Sweetheart Progressive Dinner highlighted February with the parsonage open house and blessing by Ed Stanton taking place in March along with confirmation class and camp.

Holy Week saw us holding evening communion services on Maundy Thursday and a three-hour Good Friday service. Forty-nine attended sunrise services on Easter with 87 at 11 a.m. worship, where we baptized seven, confirmed three and had ten join for 38 members in 18 families, with 19 additional families participating in the life of the church. Another confirmation in April now places our membership at 39.

The increasing excitement about the church and its growth is evident in our discussions and decisions, from the selection of mission projects to receive several hundred dollars from the tithe of our local offerings to the Sunday evening study group on how we should proceed to grow our church. It's exciting! The church is alive and well, and living in Alaska.

## EAST ANCHORAGE ANCHORAGE

Roger Robison, Pastor

The year has not seen a numerical increase at East Anchorage, as some of us had hoped. But we clearly see the Spirit working among us, in these ways:

--in weekly worship services where lay people, under the leadership of Denny Mays, lay leader, participate regularly.

--in a Sunday School with team teachers for most classes, lively classes for every age group, and a slightly higher attendance.

--in ongoing morning Bible study and evening sharing groups.

--in two choirs involving more than 40 people. This year the Junior Choir gave the special presentations: "Rainbow Express" in the fall and "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics" in the spring.

--in fellowship events each month including Flattop Mountain Hike, Chugik Bike Hike and Picnic, and weekend at Hope.

--in the fall Health Enhancement Seminar with outstanding resource leaders.

--in reaching out to others by many concerned persons: Marge Wooster helping to launch the Anchorage Food Bank (backed by a good grant from the Board of Global Ministries); Charles and Celeste Benson working with Minto Community Development; Olive Robison and Jodi Martinez helping in the Refugee Program; Carol Carey coordinating volunteers at Alaska Native Hospital; UMW members visiting Ridgeview Correctional Center on a regular basis.

--in ventures in worship. Lay Speaker Bev Bowers led an innovative Pente-

cost service; Doug and Carla Posey pioneered worship-in-the-round when we felt our sense of community deepened.

--in a regular visitation day each month, led by Lorelee Willis and the Evangelism Committee.

We give thanks to God for the privilege of being this part of the Church, Apostolic and Universal!

## FIRST ANCHORAGE ANCHORAGE

James W. Buffington, Pastor

In a world full of truisms, it should be noted that many of the members and friends of our church are attempting to come to grips with a very important one. It is the truism that "Actions speak louder than words." Perhaps it could be as easily expressed by saying "Practice what you preach." The basic form of ministry presented to us by Jesus was one of servanthood, and these truisms also suggest that an important image of the church is an image of a servant community.

Here I would list for you a variety of ways in which we have attempted to express ourselves as a servant community. The first one that comes to mind is the generosity of gifts given to special mission projects. The church contributed over \$21,000 to special causes outside of our own community in Anchorage. It also included brand new commitments to projects within our community including Beans Cafe and the Anchorage Refugee Coalition.

We are also struggling with the concept of servanthood as we search to find the most beneficial ways of using our building. The result has been that we have had over 50 different groups using our building to hold meetings. The majority of these groups have no resources with which to pay for rental space and have used space in our church as our guests. Most recently it should be noted that the Anchorage Literacy Project has moved their office into our building. We now provide office space for three full-time and several part-time staff persons. Their office is open 8½ hours a day, five days a week.

In continuation of the concept of servanthood, last fall when the nominating committee met, we had as a goal to fill all of the positions and to make sure we gave only one job to one person. We came up short of both parts of our goal but nearly 160 people were nominated and elected to positions of servanthood within our church.

We have not arrived, but we certainly have taken some important steps in the journey of our life and ministry together.

## JEWEL LAKE PARISH ANCHORAGE (United Methodist-Presbyterian)

Donald L. Hartman, Pastor

This has been a good year for the Jewel Lake Parish, for much has been accomplished in the life of this congregation. Attendance has been up over 1978 as a result of our membership growing from 168 to the present 196.



Easter Sunday, 1980, set a record with 276 in attendance. The facility has been cared for and improved with new pews being the greatest improvement. The spirit of the church has been expressed in many ways during the year by word of mouth, letters of love, by personal outreach, and by the generous support of members and non-members.

The growth of the Jewel Lake Parish has been accomplished as a natural result of being located in a growing area, yet this growth has needed the personal touch of a pastor and people. As new families attend the church they are visited and assimilated into the life of the church family as soon as possible. Worship services and all programs emphasize the "community" or "family" relationship that is uniquely ours as a church. These services and programs seek to reach and include every age.

Sermons and studies concentrate on a basic and practical understanding of the Bible in relation to the needs of the individual and the ever-changing world situation. The philosophy of the Jewel Lake Parish is liberal in nature allowing for the diversity and uniqueness of the individual within the framework of our mutual faith in God and trust in Jesus Christ. The congregation approaches faith with an open-ended viewpoint which allows for doubt, searching, and continual growth. The Jewel Lake Parish style of ministry under present leadership gives people an option from the more rigid viewpoints; therefore growing is more important than entrenchment.

## ST. JOHN ANCHORAGE

John C. Forney, Pastor

When we arrived at St. John we were warmly met by a number of members who "pounded" us, took us to dinner, and brought us breakfast the next morning. An empty parsonage was turned into a home as bare cupboard shelves and freezer were filled with necessities as well as Alaskan delicacies. The welcome indeed helped fill the void left when we came so far from home in California. We have discovered St. John to be a warm, caring congregation.

To talk about change is to talk about life at St. John this past year. Perhaps the most significant change in the life of St. John this year has been the turnover in pastors. After an interim pastorate by John Atwood, we came in July. We have had a bit of an adjustment period to go through with three ministers in a year's time. A major accomplishment under Rev. Atwood's leadership was the purchase of a new Roger's organ, which was fully paid for within six months.

Not only was there a change in pastors but there were changes in the administrative leadership as well. Within the last year we have had five secretaries, two treasurers, and a turnover in the Finance Committee as well. Between the change in pastoral leadership and the change in administrative leadership, perhaps equilibrium has been one of our major achievements, but we have gone beyond that. This year there has been considerable growth at St. John. The congregation passed a budget that called for a substantial increase in giving. We have grown in numbers as well. Within the budget were three major goals:

The first of these goals, and most important, was to secure leadership for our youth program. This year we have shared Donna Lowman with Turnagain

UMC. We have had one of the best youth programs in recent history due to her able leadership.

Secondly, we realized the need to move toward a new sanctuary. To this end, a building committee was elected by the Charge Conference in December and funds were allocated for preliminary work. Since then we have come close to paying off the remainder due on the parking lot loan and have gathered \$14,000 in a new sanctuary fund.

A third goal lifted up in the budget was to begin a music program with a paid director. Unfortunately, we were not able to underwrite that in our budget. But so far it has been carried through special giving. And we hope to have our first music camp for a junior choir at the beginning of this summer together with the Lutherans.

Another major accomplishment in the life of St. John was our Council of Ministries retreat at the Holy Spirit Retreat House. Four program goals were presented which were ratified by Administrative Board action:

1. Deeper spiritual growth and commitment of each person to God, Christ and the Church.
2. Strengthening of the Christian Education program.
3. Outreach through evangelism to the unchurched and the church visitors.
4. Individual stewardship leading to financial and service responsibility for the church.

Another major event in the life of St. John was the development of core groups to increase fellowship opportunities for the membership. So far, three groups have been formed which meet monthly for fellowship.

The ecumenical service and potluck with St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Parish and Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, enhanced by a combined choir by the three churches, was a significant event during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. St. John also participated in an ecumenical Good Friday service with Amazing Grace Lutheran Church and Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church. This also gave the three choirs an opportunity to sing together.

Bible Day Camp at the end of summer was run for a second year with over 40 children in attendance.

Needs that I see for the coming year at St. John are:

1. We should continue to improve our lay visitation program begun this past year with more training for callers. We need to stress that each member is a potential evangelistic center for the Good News he or she has received in his or her own life.

2. St. John also needs to become more aware of its mission responsibility.

3. Another need is to continue to involve more of our members in small group opportunities for spiritual growth. This year we began an Edge of Adventure group, and our hope is that this experience will provide leadership for future groups. Opportunities for growth should lead to a deepening of faith and an increase in commitment to Christ and His Church.

St. John looks forward to building on this foundation. Our spirit has been good, our enthusiasm is contagious, and people are willing to trust the future, allowing God to bring our hopes into reality.

**TURNAGAIN  
ANCHORAGE**

William G. Trudeau, Pastor

While it is a gift of grace to link a personal story with The Story, it is not always clear what link to use. In some ways this conference year has most resembled Israel's wandering in the wilderness (see Deuteronomy 1:19 - 2:7) or Jesus' temptation (Luke 4:1-13). It also has strong similarities to the stories of Ruth or Jonah. A bit of Genesis 1:2-3 and Joshua 24:14-15 rings true, as well. It has not been an easy year for us, but it has been a good year and a necessary year in bringing to mind the need for definition and direction.

In the matter of worship, two congregational meetings have endorsed a desire for two services, each in a slightly different style. The discomfort over the decision lies in the question of congregational disunity and the relative "popularity" of one service over the other. Still, the congregation has expressed a desire clearly and we must be about the business of developing two quality worship experiences. Ironically, that appears to present the most difficulty in regard to the more traditional setting.

In the matter of church school, our program has had some significant problems with mobile teachers and the unsettled worship time. We have had excellent staff leadership with Donna Lowman, a pre-seminary intern, but will lose her this summer. A planned second staff position has not materialized due to financial limitation, but the church school is a priority for next fall, with increasing participation by the pastor or part-time help. We are encouraged by the sense of urgency the congregation is expressing in this area; an urgency coming from wanting to do better what is already doing remarkably well, considering its unsettled year.

Financially, the congregation is ahead of where it has been, but not so healthy as to accomplish the 30% budget increase it hoped for this year. That has been a cause for both rejoicing and grief. In this struggle to extend ourselves, the congregation should be proud of its willingness to risk on behalf of a future. Such faith is always rewarded by God (as in the case of all the scriptures noted above!)

We have had significant membership increase this year; a cause for real rejoicing. Participation of families in the life of the church continues to be high, though we need to extend options to make the assimilation of new persons into the life of the church easier. We are laying the groundwork for a United Methodist Women's Unit and a United Methodist Men's group. We have an active Senior High Youth Group and Junior High Group. These are all extensions beyond our past.

Change is always painful, especially in an environment where not all change is planned (members moving outside, fluctuating economy, a variety of church experiences and program interests, etc.). But God is working special ideas into the life of this church and I suspect that at least one of the next two years will be exceptionally vital ones for the life of this congregation. Last year we got all dressed up; next year we will have someplace to go! And God loves to be a tour guide!

## CHUGIAK

Greg Eicher, Pastor

This has been a year for biological theology in Chugiak -- a theology of biological images. You'll see what I mean in this Scripture: "We will in all

things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:15-16) This has been a year of growth and growing pains. The worship attendance and membership statistics indicate the presence of this growth but little of its flavor. It has brought incredible vitality and new life. There has also been stress and pain from moving from a simpler unicellular congregation to a more complex community composed of a number of cells.

In August, Chugiak Children's Services moved from the lower level of our building after many years with us. The lower level was then repainted, re-modeled to include the pastor's study and church office, and divided into classroom spaces with a new Herman Miller acoustical partition system.

There have been "Living the Adventure" and "Edge of Adventure" groups as well as a new Men's Fellowship, a "Sister" group, and a dynamic youth group. These groups have created a level of intimacy and caring which has spread through the rest of the congregation with an energetic rippling effect. The intensity of these group experiences has begun to focus the growing diversity and complexity within this congregation. Since bodies seem to work according to the principle of balanced tensions, the more dynamic the body, the greater the tensions. Significant theological, relational, and imagistic differences have been emerging along with leadership representing these differences. Dialogue between individuals and groups has become very important.

Meanwhile, the church's continued involvement in outreach ministries is exemplified in the choir's trips to Ridgeview and Eagle River Correctional Centers and our youth group's presentation of a Christmas program to the McLaughlin Youth Center. A moving worship service, led by one of our couples who recently returned from visiting refugee camps in Thailand, has opened a new consciousness about world mission.

Recognizing the greater complexity associated with growth, the church has initiated a new part-time office manager position. In some ways our congregation is in the middle of an identity crisis, having outgrown long-range goals of three years ago as well as a simpler identity. Our hope is that in the possibilities and pains of a richer life together we may find a new vision of Christ's Lordship giving us a larger unity and direction.

## FIRST CHURCH FAIRBANKS

Paul O. Jewell, Pastor  
Betty Luginbill, Associate Pastor

We are looking forward to greeting many of you personally when you journey north for Annual Conference. Plans have been made for an exciting Conference and we feel especially grateful for the opportunity to host the celebrations of these eight years we have shared with Bishop Jack and Marji Tuell.

First Church, Fairbanks, continues a strong witness within the ecumenical life of churches of this city. This church and its ministry has been greatly blessed during these past two years by the addition of an Associate Pastor, Betty Luginbill. We have been able to continue a strong commitment to the Church's mission both locally and world-wide, as well as support the new po-

sition. We hold Larry Bennett in high esteem and celebrate with you his work as Conference Lay Leader during the past four years.

I believe First Church has a bright future for the lay leadership is exceptionally devoted to Christ and His mission.

## HOMER PARISH HOMER

Keith B. Wise, Pastor

Homer Church: A Service of Dedication for the new education addition was held on June 10, 1979 with Bishop Jack Tuell as the guest preacher. Volunteer labor from the congregation, visitors, and a work camp from North Broadway UMC, Columbus, Ohio, assisted in the completion of the project. The mortgage of the \$110,000 project is \$23,000 as of April 15, 1980. On March 30, 1980, the congregation voted to purchase 1.6 acres of land adjacent to the church for parking and future use.

A Vietnamese family of nine was sponsored by the Homer Church during the spring and summer of 1979. This family moved to Chicago and have continued to be self-sustaining and are attending schools and vocational training. A new family of two members arrived in Homer in March, 1980, and are under the sponsorship of the Homer UMC, Faith Lutheran Church and the Roman Catholic Church.

Joe Aprill represented the church again this year as a workcamper with A. Aamodt in Costa Rica. The Homer Church participated in the fifth "Euris-kon/Discovery" program with the theme "Come, Holy Spirit." Rev. Bill McElwee was the leader.

Ninilchik Church: A planning session in August, 1979 was fruitful in that a Wednesday evening program was planned for each week: films, UMW, and "The Edge of Adventure" study were some of the topics. Due to the loss of two canneries by fire, some of the people of the community have been forced to move away to find employment.

Seldovia Church: Visitation in homes and phone calls have been the area of ministry during the past year.

## NORTHERN LIGHT UNITED CHURCH JUNEAU

John Tindell, Pastor

Philosophically, the past year has been a time of learning to deal with the rich diversity which Northern Light United Church is. There are a growing number of Alaska Native persons among us. There is a strong and committed social action-oriented group. There is a small but real fellowship which puts emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit in personal life. There are some dedicated young adults. There are those who wish to see action to assist with the world's hungry. There are loyal Methodists and loyal Presbyterians. Last September a Youth Fellowship was organized and the teenage presence among us

is more real than in the past. There are now more people involved in the United Church who did not participate in its original organization than who did, and being part of a congregation of old guards and newcomers, with everyone involved making his own unique and important contribution, is challenging.

Some events of note that took place in the past year included the purchase of a 15-passenger Dodge Maxi Van, the development of a family photo directory located in the fellowship hall, purchase of a set of new hand bells and the establishing of a hand bell choir. A hunger workshop was held in April. A "Feast of the Three Kings" event was held on January 6 and turned out to be a fun and inspiring evening for a large part of the congregation. A prayer renewal workshop was held in October. The church exterior trim was repainted, and plexiglass was added to the somewhat deteriorating east end sanctuary windows. New choir robes were purchased.

Someone wiser than I said that you are successful if what you are doing demands the very best you have in an ever-increasingly demanding way. If that is true, the task of being pastor of Northern Light United Church is indeed for me a fulfilling and satisfying calling.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH KETCHIKAN

Oliver E. Auchenpauagh, Pastor

How does one write about love? How do you write about laughter? How do you write about sorrow and pain? How do you write about lives that are changed through the understanding and living of the Gospel?

It is possible to write about procedural changes, administrative and organizational achievements, but how do you describe or explain the call that comes to the people as they participate in the life and action of the congregation?

This has been a year of innovative ideas with a close sharing with the United Presbyterian Church in Ketchikan, which has been a blessing to both fellowships. By meeting together June, July, and August, an increased attendance for both congregations was experienced during the summer months. An outcome of this has been a joint Sunday School for the remainder of the year, plus educational, worship, and family events that have served to enrich both congregations. At one time there was a thought of merging; however, we found it was not necessary to join the families formally to do things together; there is a joy of knowing we can fellowship and worship together and complement each others' ministry. The congregation worships, studies, and prays in many different ways. Bible studies, small group meetings, educational training events in an interdenominational setting, resource from various areas, and worship opportunities at a variety of times and in a variety of expressions are all in the spectrum of events.

When you look at a map of Southeast you realize that travel to the towns and cities of the area, with only two exceptions, relies on the ability of man to move in and through fluid mediums. Without the possibility of travel over land, a degree of isolation is felt throughout Southeast Alaska. Ketchikan, as the southernmost city in Southeast, is not immune to the feeling of isolation. The needs that become manifest because of the isolation are far too numerous to list, but it is to these needs that this congregation along with others

in the city direct their efforts and resources.

The people are in mission through their giving and, in a more effective way, through their personal witness and activity in the day to day life of the community. They are part of the leaven in the community.

As a congregation we reject the idea of maintaining the status quo and look forward to times of change, growth, exploration, and innovation all within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and how He calls us for a life together. Mistakes will be made and failures occur, but we will continue to press on as the Spirit directs us.

## COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOME

John J. Shaffer, Pastor

Nome is a city that is proud of its characters and enjoyments. The past year has continued to assure the present pastor a place in its history. Contributing factors include small town politics, two articles in national religious publications about the efforts to bring about change and the confrontation of some dishonesty.

In December, a city council member entered a resolution into city business calling for a "an investigation into the attitudes" of the pastor, as well as a "written retraction" and "apology." This move was defeated by a vote of 5 to 1, with Barbara voting with the prevailing viewpoint.

Property and legal matters have also been a priority this past year. History should strike all earlier reference to a 5th Avenue House as a potential parsonage, as it has been returned to the Nome Community Center and continues as a Women's Shelter.

The volunteer-in-mission program continues to provide personal and spiritual growth experiences for our young people. This past year we have had Kirk Perucca of Overland Park, Kansas, and Jeff Gargano of Holland, Michigan. Salmon Lake Bible Camp was again an effective tool of study, recreation and vital relationships for the youth of our parish.

In March, the parish hosted the Presbytery of the Yukon for the first time since 1900, proving that we can handle 80 guests at the height of the main festival of the year, the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. The finish of the first team occurred before adjournment. June would not be as exciting, although the Midnight Sun Festival would offer the raft race.

We appreciate the pastoral care extended to Nome residents when traveling to Anchorage and Fairbanks for medical care, as distance makes this impossible for us. We also appreciate the supportive role of Priscilla Ringenburg, Diaconal Minister and Lay Speaker.

It is indeed an honor to represent the Alaska Missionary Conference as the first voting clergy delegate to General Conference. The paper flow has been large, but enlightening. With Barbara as a lay delegate to Jurisdictional Conference, the husband-wife combination will be unique.

Other highlights center on Easter, with an Annual Breakfast, and a Camp Meeting held for three nights at the time of Presbytery. These three hour services gave us some insight into the "moving of the Spirit" which has affected Savoonga and Gambell this past year. Some of the worst "sinners" have become strong proclaimers of faith in Jesus Christ, affirming once again that no

one is beyond the reach of God. That strengthens our own sense of mission in a situation where there is a great deal of human pain that needs the healing touch of Jesus Christ.

Preaching takes on a sense of urgency. Evangelism becomes a vital priority. Helping in pulpit witness this past year have been the following: Volunteers Kirk Perucca and Jeff Gargano; Priscilla Ringenburg; Max Griffiths, an Executive of the Uniting Church in Australia; Conference Lay Leader F. Lawrence Bennett; Wycliffe Bible Translator David Shinen; Ed Anderson, Lutheran Intern; and the Savoonga Presbyterian Mariners.

The ministry of service to others with our property continues: housing, day care, used clothing and transportation.

## NEW HOPE CHURCH NORTH POLE

Claude Klaver, Pastor

New Hope is one of the newer churches of our conference. It was begun at the initiative of First United Methodist and the First and University Community United Presbyterian Churches of Fairbanks. We are a union church like the Northern Light Church and Jewel Lake Parish. Work was begun in the summer of 1977, with the first service held in the North Pole Grange Hall in September of that year.

During the summer of 1979 we were able to purchase a surplus modular building from the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company with the help of a loan from the Board of Global Ministries. This was moved to our present site on Bradway Road and remodeled with volunteer labor and our first service there was held November 18, 1979. On April 13, 1980, a special service of Consecration was held. The building provides 3000 square feet of space which serves the congregation very adequately at the present, but by its very nature it is a temporary structure.

Our membership at the time of this writing is 46. Attendance has been steadily climbing since moving from the Grange Hall to our new building. Average attendance for the first three months of 1980 was 59. During the past two summers we have shared with Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School. Now that we have our own facilities, we will be holding our own school at our church, hoping to be able to serve more families in the area where our church is located.

We are also looking forward to having a Volunteer in Mission join us to serve for a year beginning September 1. She is Miss Julie Myers from Westminster, Maryland. Julie has just graduated from Westminster College in Pennsylvania with a major in Church Music. She will be working in the area of music, youth activities, and secretarial work for our congregation.



## VI. STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL RECORDS

### A. COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the 1979 concluding statistics be used to produce the 1981 Grade Point Figures.

2. That all requests for funds from the Conference budget be submitted to the Council before its spring meeting.

3. That the superintendent's salary be determined at the rate of 150% of the base salary for non-self-supporting churches, plus the appropriate amount for years of service and benefits provided all pastors.

4. That the total amount for salary subsidy be set at \$76,524 for 1981, including \$15,000 for ministerial support for new work in 1981.

5. That the total budget of the Alaska Missionary Conference for 1981 be \$224,773, including \$153,773 from the Alaska Missionary Conference, \$70,000 from the National Division, and \$1,000 from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

6. That the Grade Point Figure for each local church be the average of the Membership Grade Figure and the Local Expense Grade Figure.

The Membership Grade Figure equals total local church membership divided by the total Alaska Missionary Conference membership at the end of the last calendar year.

The Local Expense Grade Figure equals the individual church expenditure divided by the total expenditure of all Conference churches in the last calendar year. Local expenses include general church expenses, church school expenses, locally paid portions of pastor salaries and other benefits. NOT TO BE INCLUDED are loan repayments, interest, building improvements, and benevolences.

Each church has a right to appeal to the Council on Finance and Administration for an adjustment if there are unusual circumstances, provided this appeal be made prior to the spring meeting of the Council before the Grade Point Figures are published.

7. That the apportionments set by the General Council on Finance and Administration be accepted for our Conference for the 1981 calendar year.

8. That all cash balances in the expenditure divisions of the Conference budget revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, except funds received for Christian Education Offering, Audio-Visual Library fees, Council on Youth Ministries, and Conference portion of the Ministerial Education Fund, as well as funds designated for Native Ministries, which may be held over for the next year.

9. That all churches participate in Advance Special giving.

10. That the churches give vigorous support to all United Methodist Institutions in Alaska, as follows:

Alaska Pacific University  
Alaska Children's Services  
Nome Community Center  
University Community Ministry, Anch.  
United Campus Ministry, Fairbanks

Wesleyan Nursing Home, Seward  
Birchwood Camp  
Argetsinger Camp  
Local church approved  
Advance Specials

11. That all churches receiving funds to supplement the amount paid the pastor by the local church shall conduct an Annual Every Member Visitation.

12. That we aggressively develop increased local financial support within the Conference.

13. That the Conference be aware of Conference Rule B-6, section 3, which states, "All requests for apportionments upon the charges of the pastors for Conference-wide appeals for financial support for special causes shall first have to be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration."

14. That all agencies receiving funds from apportionments shall submit audits annually to the Council before its spring meeting.

## *B. BALANCE SHEETS, 1979 Accounts*

Acct. No.	Title	Balance 12/31/78	Receipts and/or Budgeted	*Disburse- ments Actual	Balance 12/31/79
200	Ministerial Support	(1,351.15)	42,583.31	719.00	0
			5,819.26 <sup>a</sup>	44,617.00 <sup>b</sup>	0
210	Pension & Death Benefit	1,813.86	9,427.50	10,487.11	754.25
220	Supt. Salary & Soc. Sec.	0	20,210.00	20,210.00	0
221	Supt. Travel	0	6,978.78	5,840.22	0
222	Supt. Car Allowance	0	1,100.00	1,100.00	0
223	Supt. Utilities	0	1,663.19	1,663.19	0
224	Mission House Entertainment	258.58	794.50	713.28	207.00
227	Mission House Refurbishing	3,608.76	200.00	657.56	3,151.20
250	Salary Sharing	12,961.20	24,646.58	37,607.78 <sup>b</sup>	0
251	Nome UMC	1,172.99	13,824.00	13,824.00	0
252	Homer UMC	0	7,739.15	7,739.15	0
253	Seward Memorial UMC	0	8,180.39	8,180.39	0
254	Sitka UMC	731.62	3,041.00	3,561.00	0
255	Bayshore UMC	0	9,010.98	9,010.98	0
300	Connectional Administration	(6,638.64)	15,501.55	4,121.50	0
			12,552.39 <sup>a</sup>	17,293.80	
310	Conference Office Expense	0	5,962.67	5,742.47	0
311	Office Salaries	0	13,550.04	13,550.04	0
312	Office Salaries, Part-time	0	500.00	54.40	0
313	Payroll Taxes	285.78	5,039.80	4,914.80	410.78
314	Office Equipment	0	512.75	166.75	0
315	Legal and Accounting Services	0	4,100.00	2,705.00	795.00
316	Rent	0	6,540.00	6,540.00	0
330	Annual Meeting	1,999.47	8,335.03	9,276.90	1,057.60
340	Mission Vehicles	572.67	2,597.60	4,074.36	0
400	World Services & Conference Benevolences	(7,044.96)	26,068.38	3,693.00	0
			15,195.58 <sup>a</sup>	30,526.00 <sup>b</sup>	0
410	General Advance Specials	0	13,992.46	12,651.96	1,340.50
420	One Great Hour of Sharing	0	7,129.58	7,129.58	0
421	World Communion	0	1,372.46	1,083.96	288.50
422	United Methodist Student Day	0	220.00	220.00	0
423	Human Relations	0	963.07	933.07	30.00
430	Hunger	0	1,039.28	894.82	144.46
435	Ethnic Minority Local Church	396.66	705.50	1,015.26	87.00
450	Alaska Children's Services	0	1,381.51	1,381.51	0

451	Alaska Pacific University	0	1,660.00	1,660.00	0
455	Conference Advance Special	43.90	0	0	43.90
460	Christian Education Offering	968.25	880.67	773.76	1,075.16
500	Discipleship	0	350.00	100.00	0
510	Youth Ministries	660.31	3,294.28	3,547.04	407.55
511	Youth Service Fund	0	130.00	40.00	90.00
520	Camping	0	925.00	845.34	0
530	AV Library	937.68	530.00	625.11	842.57
547	Pastor/Spouse Retreat	0	2,690.19	2,633.69	0
600	Church and Society	0	11,984.20	8,215.59	2,982.87 <sup>c</sup>
700	Global Ministries	730.00	5,554.43	3,642.68	1,919.43 <sup>d</sup>
800	Lay Activities & Temp. Econ.	0	6,346.65	6,427.16	(100.00)
900	Council on Ministries Travel	0	2,700.00	1,762.98	0
901	Coordinator's Salary	1,904.45	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,904.45
902	Coordinator's Admin.	0	350.00	188.02	0
903	Coordinator's Travel	0	757.08	632.55	0
904	Conference Publication	0	1,050.00	668.50	381.50
905	Council on Ministries, Misc.	183.20	200.00	134.00	0
1000	Board of Ordained Ministry	1,507.07	603.00	192.00	1,918.07
1010	Board of Diaconal Ministry	0	500.00	0	0
1020	Con. Coun. on Finance & Admin.	(30.90)	900.00	869.10	0
1030	Native Ministry Program	18,148.17	3,087.00	6.30	21,228.87
1040	Native Ministry Salary Support	8,163.00	0	0	8,163.00
1050	Univ. Comm. Ministry, Anch.	0	5,861.89	5,861.89	0
1060	United Campus Ministry, Fair.	(24.96)	8,624.96	8,600.00	0
1100	Church Extension Funds	0	17,700.60	2,586.17	15,114.43
1110	Prop., Emerg., Maint. Fund	1,885.90	0	1,217.61	668.29
1111	Bayshore (Campbell Lake)	409.96	3,426.21	3,836.17	0
1114	Homer Project	275.00	200.00	475.00	0
1117	Hope Church Project	461.83	45.00	374.47	132.36
1119	Kenai Church Project	1,515.47	0	0	1,515.47
1120	Moose Pass	7,602.64	0	0	7,602.64
1122	North Kenai	340.00	0	0	340.00
1125	Nome Special Fund	4,734.89	0	0	4,734.89
1128	Seldovia	48.51	0	0	48.51
1130	Sitka	0	4,015.00	4,000.00	15.00
1132	Soldotna	2,150.00	0	0	2,150.00
1135	United Campus Min. Parsonage	(1,224.64)	1,224.64	0	0
1150	Minority Children	2,439.37	203.92	1,131.84	1,511.45
1151	Nome Eskimo Youth Worker	5,669.87	0	854.40	4,815.47
1160	Missionary & Education	332.95	0	0	332.95
1165	Pipeline Chaplaincy	2,140.93	0	0	2,140.93
1170	Servicemen's Fund	1,060.00	0	0	1,060.00
1180	Special Projects	397.52	0	0	397.52
1200	Hospital Insurance	(292.98)	20,455.72	21,442.53	(1,279.79)
1205	Property Insurance	17,678.86	24,773.63	19,728.74	22,723.75
1210	Workmen's Compensation	0	3,442.87	3,526.46	(83.59)
1215	Moving Expenses	(19,557.07)	24,203.02	15,776.72	(11,130.77)
1220	Home Missions Revolving	(988.37)	31,752.17	31,757.41	(993.61)

1230 Display Advertising	153.29	4,413.07	4,201.99	364.37
1240 Pension Crusade	31,009.16	67,801.84	38,789.10	60,021.90
1250 Contingency	18,344.31	58,431.47	47,794.00	28,981.78 <sup>e</sup>
1260 Conference Benevolences	11,257.13	32.80	442.15	11,454.48
		21,078.20 <sup>a</sup>	20,471.50 <sup>b</sup>	

\*Disbursements do not include the unspent amounts in most budget accounts reverting to the Benevolent Reserve Account on 12/31/79.

a. Funds transferred into account.

b. Funds transferred from the account to accounts with budgeted items.

c. Grant monies for Church and Society.

d. Grant monies for Evangelism program.

e. Includes designated funds.



	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP												CHURCH SCHOOL										U.M.M.	U.M.W.	PROPERTY & OTHER ASSETS							
	Total members reported at close of last year	Received on Confession of Faith or Restored	Received from Other UM Churches	Received from Other Denominations	Removed by Charge Conf. action or withdrawn	Removed by Transfer to Other UM Churches	Removed by Transfer to Other Denominations	Removed by death	Total members at close of this year	Avg. attend. principal weekly worship service	No. baptized this year	Preparatory Members now on Roll (all baptized children under 16)	Number of Persons On Constituency Roll	Total enrolled in confirmation classes	Number of Leaders	Children in all classes & groups (B-6th grade)	Youth (7th thru h.s.) All Classes & Groups	Adults (post high school) All Classes & Groups	Total Church School Membership	Avg. Attendance Sunday Church School (all ages)	Avg. Attendance on-going classes & groups	Avg. Attend. short term classes & groups	Members joining on Confirm. of faith	Membership in Chartered UMM	Amount Paid for Projects	Membership in UMW	Amount Paid for Local Church & Community Work	Value of church land, buildings & equipment	Value of Church-owned parsonages & furniture	Value of Other Assets (cash, securities, other properties, etc.)	Indebtedness of land, buildings, equipment, furniture and other assets	Other Indebtedness (current expenses, etc.)
Anchorage Area:																																
Anchor Park	238	8	29	0	5	4	4	0	262	122	13	74	87	0	16	59	15	55	145	50	22	26	0	0	0	25	559	789000	101240	6500	18210	0
Bayshore	0	3	25	2	0	0	0	0	30	32	2	11	53	0	7	30	9	20	66	25	11	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	27922	0	142
Chugiak	116	9	11	3	13	3	0	0	123	101	3	68	109	5	23	61	30	43	157	79	12	92	7	0	0	0	0	470000	110000	15335	0	0
East Anchorage	218	21	6	1	7	16	4	0	219	97	13	92	62	10	19	72	18	40	149	97	18	40	8	0	0	20	650	576000	96000	15000	76000	0
First Anchorage	393	16	28	4	17	27	9	3	385	152	9	74	48	5	27	51	17	73	168	76	34	58	4	0	0	44	1215	1200000	85000	455182	87979	0
Girdwood	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19	5	1	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40000	0	0	0	0
*Jewel Lake	84	12	5	1	5	1	1	0	95	58	4	39	12	2	6	25	6	4	41	25	5	20	2	0	0	0	0	72500	36250	0	15144	0
St. John	251	9	14	5	2	7	4	0	266	127	11	66	64	4	15	75	14	41	121	71	15	0	4	0	0	26	300	670000	109000	13000	14000	0
Turnagain	207	11	5	6	1	3	5	1	219	114	16	91	60	20	16	56	12	10	94	70	10	38	1	10	256	0	0	900000	93000	2100	1453	562
Fairbanks Area:																																
First Fairbanks	524	17	15	1	34	12	4	1	506	220	10	175	74	6	45	139	43	60	287	145	16	243	5	0	0	40	3394	920000	161500	6500	33436	0
*New Hope	23	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	20	22	2	17	12	0	5	11	9	5	30	22	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	40000	0	8686	12500	0
Kenai Peninsula:																																
Homer	70	5	0	0	0	2	2	1	70	88	0	0	0	5	12	38	18	25	93	62	0	80	4	0	0	18	794	325000	125000	3289	28486	0
Ninilchik	32	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	23	1	0	0	3	3	4	4	6	17	15	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	100000	0	2013	0	0
Kenai	140	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	148	85	3	88	48	4	10	42	18	20	90	58	6	0	4	0	0	31	400	329000	59000	623	0	800
North Star	34	2	0	3	12	2	0	0	25	32	1	5	60	0	6	17	7	6	36	15	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	55000	10000	6974	0	0
Soldotna	101	1	6	7	0	0	5	1	109	62	3	48	26	0	11	33	10	12	66	31	0	33	0	0	0	25	150	260000	108000	10500	5000	0
Seward	55	1	3	0	0	2	0	1	56	28	3	7	9	0	5	18	0	0	23	14	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	225000	135000	18500	0	0
Moose Pass	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40000	0	0	0	0	0
Nome Area:																																
Nome Community	154	0	1	0	2	4	0	2	147	47	5	80	30	2	12	44	45	10	111	20	35	40	0	0	0	20	1144	510000	90000	21589	0	0
Southeast:																																
Douglas	100	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	104	60	4	25	55	0	6	17	6	16	45	11	5	8	0	6	0	21	1239	510000	80000	3892	71362	0
*Juneau-Northern L	192	10	3	3	0	3	2	2	201	75	3	34	40	4	7	15	10	17	49	40	10	10	6	0	0	10	707	176000	0	125000	20000	0
Ketchikan	304	6	2	0	0	4	0	0	308	122	4	32	65	5	25	60	25	10	120	90	31	143	2	0	0	19	1569	717000	91000	2540	5400	0
Sitka	80	0	3	1	0	3	1	0	80	63	2	47	31	0	12	39	9	16	76	39	7	10	0	0	0	11	50	267000	0	0	0	0
Total:	3349	139	163	39	101	94	41	13	3441	1746	113	1081	950	75	288	906	325	489	1984	1055	237	866	54	16	256	324	12171	9181500	1489990	745145	388970	1504
Total Last Year:	3217	159	141	70	74	99	45	20	3349	1747	141	1152	1052	76	256	871	289	422	1838	1002	177	706	64	0	0	315	13247	7602675	1350331	708645	342426	1206
Increase:	132	0	22	0	27	0	0	0	92	0	0	0	0	0	32	35	36	67	146	53	60	160	0	16	256	9	0	1578825	139659	36500	46544	298
Decrease:	0	20	0	31	0	5	4	7	0	1	28	71	102	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	1076	0	0	0	0	0

\* Half reported - United Methodist and United Presbyterian Churches



Table 3

CONNECT.  
ADMIN. FUNDS

## BENEVOLENCES

	World Service & Conference Benevolences						General Advance Specials			General Church Special Day Offerings						Annual Conference Special Day Offerings									
	Apportioned	Paid	Accepted	Apportioned	Paid	Black College Fund	Missional Priorities Fund	General Advance Specials	World Service Special Gifts	Total	Youth Service Fund	One Great Hour of Sharing	World Communion	United Methodist Student Day	Human Relations Day	Total	Christian Education Sunday	Golden Cross Sunday	Total	Conference Advance Specials	Higher Education	Pension Crusade	Mission Sharing Fund	All Other Benevolences	GRAND TOTAL PAID
Anchorage:																									
Anchor Park	1153	1242	1970	1970	2002	0	0	467	0	467	0	555	159	0	99	813	74	0	74	0	282	3496	3258	339	83488
Bayshore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	200	0	0	64	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18902
East Anchorage	1051	1051	1795	1795	1795	0	0	666	0	666	80	446	87	0	0	533	0	0	0	0	500	5419	2203	0	69993
First Anchorage	1826	1826	3118	3118	3118	0	0	922	0	922	0	393	158	0	165	716	133	25	158	0	20	7727	3451	0	115698
Jewel Lake	350	350	598	598	598	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	4987	766	1617	31217
St. John	871	871	1484	1484	1484	0	0	968	0	968	0	192	75	0	93	360	0	0	0	0	0	6400	919	0	85342
Turnagain	1121	1121	1916	1916	1916	0	0	1067	0	1067	0	122	0	75	133	330	37	0	37	2100	0	5648	1458	0	86134
Chugiak	469	469	801	801	801	0	0	1365	0	1365	0	107	74	42	53	276	7	0	7	0	0	1725	399	0	43947
Douglas	529	528	904	904	957	0	0	759	0	759	0	60	31	0	47	138	0	0	0	100	0	1570	713	0	97164
Fairbanks	2251	2251	3845	3845	3845	0	0	840	0	840	0	1745	200	0	0	1945	200	0	200	5995	0	5269	4357	0	129349
Girdwood	41	41	69	69	69	0	0	40	0	40	0	228	0	53	0	281	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2891
Homer	356	356	609	609	609	0	0	403	0	403	50	315	50	0	0	365	0	0	0	50	0	1560	0	0	102524
Niitlichik	137	138	234	234	234	0	0	130	0	130	0	60	112	0	0	172	0	0	0	20	0	1030	0	0	9338
Juneau	896	896	1531	1531	1531	0	0	2200	0	2200	0	2122	265	0	0	2387	0	0	0	0	0	6000	1917	0	51278
Kenai	696	696	1189	1189	1189	0	0	0	25	25	0	193	42	0	13	248	0	0	0	0	0	2331	738	0	32704
Ketchikan	1269	1269	2167	2167	2167	0	0	1181	0	1181	0	0	92	0	0	92	33	0	0	0	0	4012	2808	0	48365
Nome	738	738	1261	1261	1261	0	0	247	0	247	0	156	29	50	25	260	0	0	0	0	25	1700	0	0	34362
North Kenai	136	136	231	231	231	0	0	338	0	338	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19099
North Pole	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	60	0	60	0	0	0	0	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	227	200	23734
Seward	302	369	422	516	516	0	0	265	0	265	0	0	34	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	1395	0	0	19934
Moose Pass	59	59	100	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	95	0	0	2470
Sitka	362	362	619	619	619	0	0	1860	0	1860	0	210	24	0	57	291	0	0	0	0	0	945	0	0	34723
Soldotna	424	424	724	724	724	0	0	0	0	0	0	149	238	0	67	454	0	0	0	0	0	3396	362	437	39754
Total	15037	15293	25587	25681	25866	0	0	13978	25	14003	130	7128	1734	220	782	9864	484	25	509	8265	827	64705	23366	2593	1182410
Total Last Year	14212	14233	20258	20258	21289	520	2874	5205	0	5205	21	6815	1344	348	834	9341	571	0	571	15597	25	87414	12247	4116	931819
Increase	825	1060	5329	5423	4577	0	0	8773	25	8798	109	313	390	0	0	523	0	25	0	0	802	0	11119	0	250591
Decrease	0	0	0	0	0	520	2874	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	52	0	87	0	62	7332	0	22709	0	1523	0

# D. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT PAID TO PASTORS, 1980

	Cash Salary**	Travel	HMEP Insur.	Total Paid
<b>Anchorage</b>				
Anchor Park - Art Edwards	14,841	2,400	1,518	18,759
Bayshore - Tyler Curtis	13,800	2,000	759	16,559
East Anchorage - Roger Robison	17,542	3,100	758	21,400
First - Jim Buffington	18,342	3,000	759	22,101
*Jewel Lake - Don Hartman	17,749	2,650	759	21,158
St. John - John C. Forney	15,110	2,200	780	18,090
Turnagain - Bill Trudeau	16,265	3,600	0	19,865
Chugiak - Greg Eicher	13,900	2,500	720	17,120
Douglas - Bob McNabb	15,480	1,600	0	17,080
Fairbanks - Paul Jewell	22,389	2,449	0	24,838
Betty Luginbill	17,270	0	0	17,270
Girdwood - David Fison	600	1,200	0	1,800
Homer, Niniichik, Seldovia - Keith Wise	15,800	3,250	550	19,600
*Juneau - John Tindell	20,129	1,926	0	22,055
Kenai - Art Knight	14,700	1,900	759	17,359
Ketchikan - Oliver Auchenpaugh	16,310	1,500	0	17,810
Nome - John Shaffer	18,500	1,600	226	20,326
North Kenai - Mel Vostry	14,600	1,900	226	16,726
*North Pole - Claude Klaver	17,100	2,000	0	19,100
Seward, Moose Pass - Revelle Roach	16,600	3,000	640	20,240
Sitka - Dan Amerson	13,600	2,600	759	16,959
Soldotna - Dennis Holway	15,300	2,500	759	18,559
Superintendent - Ed Stanton	21,400	2,700	759	24,859

\*United Churches

\*\*Includes base salary, area adjustment, experience, and a portion of Social Security



ORDINATION OF GREG EICHER



## *E. CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES BUDGET, 1981*

EXPENDITURES	1980 Budget	1981 Budget
<b>A. DISCIPLESHP</b>		
1. Administration	50	50
2. Education	100	850
3. Youth Ministries		
a. Conference Council	1000	1400
b. Southeast Convocation	500	500
4. Outdoor Ministry		
a. Administration	100	50
b. Workshops	400	400
c. Southeast	100	500
d. Nome	160	200
e. Birchwood	1625	1200
5. Audio-Visual Library	350	300
6. Pastor-Spouse Retreat	2500	2700
7. Historical Society	100	50
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>6985</b>	<b>8200</b>
<b>B. CHURCH AND SOCIETY</b>		
1. Administration, Alcohol, Legislative Issues, Native Ministries Support Group	200	200
2. Family Ministry	200	200
3. Status and Role of Women	500	300
4. Hunger	200	300
5. Special Emphasis Task Force - Ethnic Minority (Religion and Race)	500	600
6. Native Land Issues	200	0
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>1600</b>
<b>C. GLOBAL MINISTRIES</b>		
1. Administration	100	50
2. Missions		
a. Administration	75	75
b. Global Ministry Material	50	50
c. Travel (previously School of Missions and Juris. School)	550	200
3. Evangelism		
a. Administration and Material	150	125
b. Conference Evangelism Program	1000	0
c. Brochure	750	0
4. Ecumenical Affairs		
a. Alaska Christian Conference	720	750
b. Travel to Biennial Conference	0	750
5. Church Extension Task Force	200	200
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>3595</b>	<b>2200</b>

#### D. LAY ACTIVITIES & TEMPORAL ECONOMY

1. Administration	25	25
2. Lay Speaker Training	2700	
Lay/Clergy Conference		3600
3. Lay Speaker Program Administration	0	50
4. Lay Leader Travel	300	500
5. Leadership Development		
a. Administration	100	50
b. Lay Development Training	500	500
SUB-TOTAL	3925	4725

#### E. COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

1. Travel	2700	3025
2. Missioner	1400	1400
3. Coordinator		
a. Salary and Benefits	3615	4350
b. Communication	200	200
c. Materials	150	150
d. Travel	300	400
SUB-TOTAL	8365	9525

#### F. CONTINGENCY

	200	150
TOTAL	24870	26400



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## F. ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE BUDGET, 1981

I. EXPENDITURES	1979 Budget	1979 Actual	1980 Budget	1981 Budget
<b>A. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT</b>				
1. Episcopal Fund	719	719	719	1410
2. Pension & Death Benefits	8072	9642	10000	24467
3. Supt. Fund	28328	26586	28875	33500
4. Ministerial Support	47448	40814	56404 (5000)	76524 (5000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84567</b>	<b>78606</b>	<b>90988</b>	<b>130901</b>
<b>B. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION</b>				
1. Temporary General Aid	250	250	250	226
2. General Administration of UMC	213	213	213	516
3. Interdenominational Cooperation	148	148	148	201
4. Jurisdictional Administration	117	117	117	117
5. Minority Education Fund	1807	1807	1807	2150
6. Black College Fund	887	887	887	1124
7. Mass Communication Fund	89	89	89	0
8. Missional Priorities	610	610	610	875
9. Conference Office Expense	24900	23952	29264	30615
10. Annual Meeting	7500	8388	7500	9000
11. Mission Vehicles	1500	2851	2700	2100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38021</b>	<b>39313</b>	<b>43585</b>	<b>46924</b>
<b>C. WORLD SERVICE &amp; CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCE</b>				
1. World Service	3693	3693	3693	4982
2. Youth Service Fund	65	65	0	0
3. Conference Benevolences				
a. Council on Ministries	22750	20058	24930	26400
b. Board of Ordained Ministry	603	192	603	716
c. Diaconal Ministry	500	0	500	300
d. Native Ministries Office	3087	6	1200	0
e. Campus Ministries	11600	11600	12600	12250
f. Council on Finance & Admin.	900	869	900	900
g. Contingency Fund	500	3175	500	400
h. Equitable Salary Commission	0	0	0	1000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43933</b>	<b>46361</b>	<b>44926</b>	<b>46948</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>166521</b>	<b>164280</b>	<b>179509</b>	<b>224773</b>

II. SOURCES OF INCOME	1979 Budget	1979 Actual	1980 Budget	1981 Budget
A. NATIONAL DIVISION				
1. Block Grant including Parish Partners	55000	65000	60000	70000
2. Other Administration & Program Monies				
B. BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION	500	500	500	1000
C. ALASKAN SOURCES				
1. Apportionments	80621	82415	89209	97000
2. Mission Sharing Fund	23000	22130	28000	36000
3. Christian Education Offering	250	533	250	400
4. AV Library Fees	250	230	250	250
5. Special Gifts	1300	1566	1300	1600
6. CCYM	600	130	0	0
7. Increased Support from Subsidized Churches	5000	0	0	0
8. Church Extension	0	0	0	15000
9. Benevolent Reserve	0	0	0	3523
TOTALS	166521	172504	179509	224773



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# *G. CONFERENCE AND DENOMINATIONAL APPOINTMENTS, 1981*

	Grade Point	Minist. Support	Conn. Admin.	WS and Conf. Bene.	Total Apport.
1. Anchor Park	7.30	4124	1478	1479	7081
2. Bayshore	1.56	881	316	316	1513
3. East Anchorage	6.35	3587	1286	1287	6160
4. Anchorage First	11.26	6361	2280	2281	10922
5. Jewel Lake	2.57	1452	520	521	2493
6. St. John	7.81	4412	1582	1582	7576
7. Turnagain	7.24	4090	1466	1467	7023
8. Chugiak	3.62	2045	733	733	3511
9. Douglas	3.46	1954	701	701	3356
10. Fairbanks	13.40	7570	2714	2715	12999
11. Girdwood	.46	260	93	93	446
12. Homer	2.59	1463	524	525	2512
13. Ninilchik	.97	548	196	197	941
14. Juneau Northern Light	4.99	2819	1010	1011	4840
15. Kenai	3.93	2220	796	796	3812
16. Ketchikan	6.36	3593	1288	1288	6169
17. Nome	4.23	2389	857	857	4103
18. North Kenai	1.69	955	342	342	1639
19. North Pole	1.56	881	316	316	1513
20. Seward	1.82	1028	369	369	1766
21. Moose Pass	.36	203	73	73	349
22. Sitka	2.76	1559	559	559	2677
23. Soldotna	3.71	2096	751	752	3599
	100.00	56490	20250	20260	97000

# H. MISSION SHARING FUND APPORTIONMENTS, 1981

	MISSION SHARING FUND							
	Grade Point	Percent- age	Shared	Salary Paid Over Base	Percent- age	Shared	Total Shared in 1980	Total of All
Anchor Park	7.30	8.56	1541	1141	4.08	734	2275	9356
Bayshore								1513
East Anchorage	6.35	7.45	1341	2142	7.65	1377	2718	8878
Anchorage First	11.26	13.21	2378	4442	15.87	2856	5234	16156
Jewel Lake	2.57	3.02	543	1375*	4.91	884	1427	3920
St. John	7.81	9.16	1649	1210	4.32	778	2427	10003
Turnagain	7.24	8.49	1528	1000	3.57	643	2171	9194
Chugiak	3.62	4.25	765	1000	3.57	643	1408	4920
Douglas	3.46	4.06	731	80	.29	52	783	4139
Fairbanks	13.40	15.72	2830	7338				
				2070	33.61	6050	8880	21878
Girdwood								446
Homer								2512
Ninilchik								941
Juneau Northern Light	4.99	5.85	1053	2436*	8.70	1566	2619	7459
Kenai	3.93	4.61	830	0		0	830	4642
Ketchikan	6.36	7.46	1343	2910	10.39	1870	3213	9382
Nome								4103
North Kenai	1.69	1.98	356	0		0	356	1995
North Pole	1.56	1.83	329	850*	3.04	547	876	2389
Seward								1766
Moose Pass								349
Sitka								2677
Soldotna	3.71	4.35	783	0			783	4382
TOTALS	85.25	100.00	18000	27994	100.00	18000	36000	133000

\* Ratio of actual amount

# *I. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT SUBSIDY FOR 1981*

	Base Salary	Area Adjust <sup>a</sup>	Soc. Sec.	Tax Def. Annuity \$100 x yrs.	Experience \$100 x yrs.	Cash Salary	Travel (1980)	HMEP & Work. Comp.	Total Pastoral Support
Bayshore	12600	0	900	600	1000	15100	2000	900	18000
Homer Parish	12600	1260	900	600	1900	16900	3250	900	21410
Nome	12600	3780	900	600	2100	19950	1600	900	22480
North Pole	12600	630	900	0	2500	16630	2000	900	19530
Seward/Moose Pass	12600	1260	900	600	600	15960	3000	900	19860
Sitka	12600	630	900	600	900	15630	2600	900	19130
Superintendent	12600	6300	900	600	2500	22900	2400 <sup>b</sup> 5000 <sup>c</sup>	900	33500 <sup>d</sup>

## **a. Area COLA Adjustments**

Anchorage, Juneau, Ketchikan	= 0%
Fairbanks, Sitka	5%
Kenai Peninsula	10%
Nome, Unalaska	30%

## **b. Vehicle**

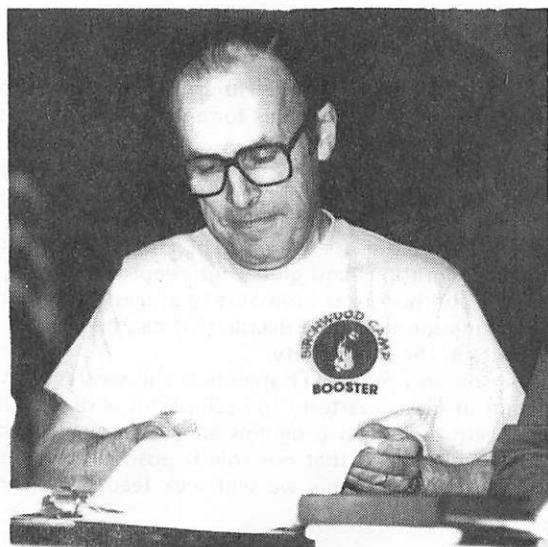
## **c. Travel**

## **d. Entertainment \$800 and parsonage utilities \$1500 included in total**

# J. PENSION CRUSADE

Received as of May 13, 1980

Church	Pledged	Paid
<b>Anchorage:</b>		
Anchor Park	22,589.00	15,665.25
East Anchorage	17,556.00	13,219.50
First UMC	25,300.00	21,015.36
Jewel Lake	14,874.00	11,980.00
St. John	23,826.00	22,749.50
Turnagain	18,110.00	14,775.00
<b>Chugiak</b>	8,125.00	3,677.78
<b>Douglas</b>	5,093.00	4,630.00
<b>Fairbanks, First UMC</b>	15,777.00	12,511.25
<b>Girdwood</b>	940.00	1070.00
<b>Homer</b>	5004.00	4,041.00
<b>Northern Light, Juneau</b>	12,000.00	12,000.00
<b>Kenai</b>	10,735.00	7,382.00
<b>Ketchikan</b>	14,263.00	11,889.01
<b>Moose Pass</b>	1,248.00	870.00
<b>Ninilchik</b>	3,340.00	2,392.69
<b>Nome</b>	8,137.00	6,198.66
<b>North Star</b>	--	250.00
<b>New Hope, North Pole</b>	--	226.00
<b>Seward</b>	2,915.00	3,103.27
<b>Sitka</b>	6,355.00	3,204.00
<b>Soldotna</b>	9,654.00	5,524.00
<b>Seldovia</b>	--	41.75
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>225,841.00</b>	<b>178,416.62</b>





## VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

### *CHURCH AND SOCIETY*

#### A. Legislative Action

1. We will continue to try to make the telephone legislative action chain a reality.

2. We urge every church to subscribe to Impact, or Bread for the World newsletters for valuable and timely information on legislative issues.

3. We are still working on a legislative workshop and urge support for the United Methodist Women Legislative Training Event in 1981; this will probably be held in Juneau and Anchorage.

#### B. Criminal Justice

Whereas the new criminal code will increase the prison population; whereas no one will be eligible for parole after the first offense and mandatory sentences for each category, which may be more equitable, tend to be longer and more severe; We therefore recommend:

1. More involvement by Alaska church groups. State Director of Corrections Charles Campbell says, "More can be accomplished by churches than any other group."

2. More opportunities for study: Natalie Brooks can make available copies of her paper "Re-entry After Incarceration." Also she says, "I will be happy to meet with any group in the Anchorage area to lead workshops or studies on Criminal Justice, particularly in the area of corrections. One seminar I have done is 'Prisons and the Christian Conscience.' "

3. Support of the efforts of the Alaska Christian Conference Ecumenical Task Force in getting the State of Alaska to fund a coordinator of Chaplaincy Service for the correction institutions in our state. We urge local churches to write letters of support and authorize the Board of Church and Society chairperson and the Secretary of the Alaska Missionary Conference to communicate this support to legislators and to Commissioner Bierne.

#### C. Hunger

During the coming Conference year, the Hunger Task Force is going to emphasize mailings and telephone calls as tools for encouraging and resourcing local churches concerning hunger.

A major theme will be the economics of hunger and the need for a "New International Economic Order" as a major solution to world hunger. A series of three filmstrips and study guides and general materials entitled "Bread and Justice" will be available for use in each church. These highlight the roles of trade, multinational corporations and global interdependence. The HTF will encourage each pastor and hunger coordinator to at least preview this material for their own information and then decide if it can be used in their local church or ecumenically in the community.

The HTF chairperson and other HTF members will send monthly mailings and make phone calls at least quarterly to each pastor and/or coordinator to encourage them concerning hunger programs and to be available as resource persons. It should be underlined that our role is positive "encouragement," not "hassle." Also, in these contacts we will seek feedback so that we can

prepare better and more appropriate programs and services in future years.

We hope that each local church will continue to do hunger programs that are familiar to and appropriate for them, both in their local churches and in the ecumenical community. We applaud local churches for their previous work and successes.

The HTF strongly reaffirms the three resolutions passed at the 1979 Annual Conference on whaling, energy conservation and the Nestle boycott and asks local churches to keep these hunger-related issues before them for Christian action.

Alaska Missionary Conference recognizes the good work and valid philosophy of The Food Bank of Alaska, based in Anchorage. This is a food salvage operation, providing warehouse facilities for dated and perishable foods which might otherwise be dumped, making these available to feeding agencies. It was incorporated about a year ago and has been in operation since March 15, 1980. The United Methodists John and Louise Atwood and Marjorie Wooster have worked hard for this program. We urge local churches to become familiar with the operation of this agency and support its efforts as much as possible.

#### D. Religion and Race

The following recommendations have been prepared for the Ethnic Minority Local Church Priority which was chosen as the special emphasis for the Conference Year, 1980-81. This has added significance since the 1980 General Conference adopted this for the number one priority for the quadrennium. Two thrusts are suggested and other resources will be made available as soon as possible:

##### 1. Reach out to the EMLC churches in the Lower 48.

a. Choose a partner church from the Advance Special list; develop communication through exchange of letters, Sunday School projects, pictures, visits. Example: Bayshore is helping the Korean Church which meets in First Church, Glendale, Cal.

b. Use the movie "One in the Lord," available at the Conference Office.

c. Plan a session a month on one of EMLC groups described in the book in your packet (given to each church at Annual Conference.) A resource on Asian-Americans is "Golden People" from Engage/Social Action, 100 Maryland Ave., NE, Washington, DC.

##### 2. Reach out in our own communities.

a. Study ethnic groups in your town.

b. Sponsor an ethnic fellowship. Example: Tongan Fellowship meets at Anchor Park UMC every Sunday evening.

c. Plan a multi-cultural event.

d. Plan a racism workshop: United Methodist Women have excellent material available from Marion Gotschall, Box 427, Juneau, 99802.

e. Use the movie, "One in the Lord," available at the Conference Office.

#### E. Commission on Role and Status of Women

Although we have concluded this year's special emphasis on the Role of Women in God's World, the need for consciousness-raising continues. We will plan to supply resources to local churches. New books will be added to the "travelling suitcase" as well as new audio-visuals to the Conference Library.

1. We urge every church to: a) have a woman in the pulpit at least once a

year, b) study the text, WOMEN, MEN, AND THE BIBLE, c) strive to use non-sexist language and attitudes in our worship and the life of the church.

2. We urge the support of legislation prohibiting discrimination against women.

3. We urge vigilance against efforts to rescind the ERA in Alaska.

4. We urge active recruitment of women for the ministry in the Alaska Missionary Conference.

5. We urge a balance of men and women on Conference and local church committees, proportionate to the population of the Conference or local church, respectively.

6. We urge an event where the clergy of Alaska Missionary Conference can address this emphasis.

## F. Family and the Church

It is recommended that the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church continue its Family Ministry by helping families cope with the stresses of modern life with the following emphases:

1. The church should take an active role in seeing that children receive the best possible care when they are not at home by:

a. accepting a mandate to provide quality child care at church functions with adequate child/leader ratios, safe surroundings, appropriate activities.

b. providing educational community events for families seeking out-of-home care to delineate qualities of good care, state and licensing and what it means.

c. assessing and becoming knowledgeable about the problems and effects of day care programs in Alaska and supporting appropriate reforms.

2. Local churches will seek to aid families by sponsoring informative sessions that deal with any area deemed critical to family functioning, such as: financial planning, budgeting, Television Awareness Training, parenting, etc.

## G. Refugees

The tremendous need for the resettlement of refugee families continues. We commend the churches which are sponsors or are assisting sponsoring groups: Homer, Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, and Anchorage. This is very much in accord with the Resolution on Refugees passed at the 1979 Annual Meeting. We urge every church in the Conference to face this challenge and to help in whatever ways are appropriate.

## H. Peace

1. Draft Counseling: President Carter has made draft registration a major item in his proposed legislative program. Herman Will, Peace Division, Board of Church and Society, writes: "Young United Methodist conscientious objectors should register now with the Board of Church and Society; the earlier they register their convictions, the better it is for future dealings with Selective Service officers." He recommends they write their convictions on registration forms even though there is no space provided. This information will not be entered into the computer, but will be on their records.

We recommend that a pastor in each congregation make suitable draft option information available to young members and constituents.

2. National Peace Academy Campaign: In these times of almost daily crises, we recognize the need for institutions in every country to train experts in all forms of peacemaking; experts in non-violent conflict resolution, in non-

military crisis intervention, in working to create the conditions of peace, in cross-cultural communication, and analyzing social systems in terms of their war or peace potential. These are the aims of the National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution. A study commission has been established and appointed and is currently holding hearings to make recommendations in November. The National Peace Academy Campaign is actively building support in this program.

We support this Campaign and urge local churches and individuals to use available materials and to engage in the Campaign.

3. Draft Registration: The Alaska Missionary Conference goes on record as being opposed to conscription and the draft except in times of national crisis and/or war. We support the statement as found in the DISCIPLINE, Par. 75G, that recognizes the right of the individual to conscientiously object to service in the armed forces as well as to those who conscientiously choose to serve in the armed forces.

### I. Homosexuality

1. Each local congregation of Alaska Missionary Conference is encouraged to utilize resource materials to study homosexuality in order to promote inclusiveness of all our brothers and sisters in the fellowship of Christ.

2. We charge the Conference Board of Church and Society to locate and circulate quality resources to each local congregation. We commend Sitka United Methodist Church for their study this past year.

3. We ask that the United Methodist Church in Alaska refrain from judging individuals by human standards; sexual orientation is not a criterion for inclusion in or exclusion from the church of Jesus Christ and must not be for the church called the United Methodist Church.

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

### A. Evangelism

1. Because of the tendency of Alaskan churches to remain relatively static at the size of an "extended family," we recommend strong support for Church Extension as one major vehicle for evangelism in Alaska. We recommend that Church Extension be people-oriented, rather than property-oriented.

2. Congregations need to develop strategy for use of lay time. While a secular mindset is to bring management in at a level of need, work them hard, and move them out when they get tired, the church must develop a strategy for ministry that does not make unrealistic demands in the name of loyalty. This might mean streamlining organization, developing specific job descriptions in churches, responsiveness to the specific call of the Holy Spirit in individual lives, or a higher ratio of paid staff to church membership than common elsewhere. (The Church Growth Movement advocates additional staff when congregations move beyond 200-250.)

3. We recommend a continuation of the Comprehensive Plan for Evangelism, adopted in 1978, through the current quadrennium. This plan should be reviewed by each local church prior to the Fall Charge Conference in 1980, and approved by vote of Charge Conferences as goals for local church effort over the next four years. The vote of the Charge Conferences is to be forwarded through the Superintendent to the Chair of Evangelism for the Con-

ference.

We applaud those local churches that have, on their own initiative, developed evangelism emphases to meet the particular needs of their life and work. We encourage them to pursue their ideas through development of their local church evangelism plan. Plans shall include ways to measure the effectiveness of their strategies and evidence of their participation in the Alaska Missionary Conference evangelism emphasis.

4. We recommend the following specific emphases within the plan framework be considered by local churches for specific implementation:

a. That each local church elaborate ways to emphasize the good and positive thrusts in the congregation. Build an identity by being able to say what the church DOES. One strategy would be to emphasize "Grace" in preaching during the year.

b. Each local church should develop membership goals for the year and report these goals to Conference through the Charge Conference. The Superintendent will work to see that local churches develop ways to meet those goals, by asking them to list three specific ways they would see their pastor involved and three specific things laity will do during the year to reach that goal. Goals must be measurable, but may emphasize growth of church school or worship attendance rather than just formal membership.

c. Membership gains and the achievement of goals may be reported through Conference Newsletters and mailings.

d. The Pastor/Parish Relations Committees of local congregations should receive training in specific ways to be supportive of pastors in ways that will encourage longer pastorates. Committees may choose to "appoint" a "pastor to the pastor" from within the congregation. Working with the CCOM, the Superintendent shall develop a framework for training these committees and report it to the Lay Clergy Conference in 1981.

e. Training programs in leadership skills need to be developed for clergy. The Conference Council on Ministries shall develop a program of leadership training for clergy and report it no later than Pastor/Spouse Retreat, 1982.

5. We recommend that Evangelism be considered for the major theme by the Alaska Missionary Conference for the next quadrennium.

## **B. Native Ministry**

Recommend that staff be made available to the committee to assist in carrying out its goals and objectives.

Rationale: The time commitment of the committee members is nearly saturated with some of them and it has not been possible for the members to perform jobs in addition to the other commitments they have. This is probably true of most of the committees, but current Alaska Native Leaders are even more heavily burdened with responsibility until new leaders are developed to lighten this burden in this community. Having staff available would greatly alleviate some of the administrative and outreach tasks to be done.

## **C. Ecumenical Affairs**

1. That a person be appointed as chairperson who can attend the meetings of the Alaska Christian Conference.

2. That the Conference Chairperson will encourage both ministerial exchanges and choir exchanges and that one Sunday a year be designated to talk about COCU.

#### D. United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women defined four goals which were accepted at the Annual Meeting in September of 1979:

1. To increase our efforts to recruit women of all races into the membership of UMW, provide leadership development opportunities without discrimination, sensitize local units with workshops on inclusiveness and implementation of the Racial Justice Charter with emphasis on personal involvement of local units with ethnic people.

2. To interpret and develop the purpose and function of United Methodist Women through officer itineration, Mission Education Events, leadership training, improved communications and encouragement of spiritual enrichment retreats.

3. To encourage the establishment of a United Methodist Women unit in all Methodist-related churches in our Conference and invite a representative of those churches to be a part of Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

4. To further expand the development of regional mission education events for United Methodist Women with three in 1981.

#### E. Church Extension

That the Alaska Missionary Conference move with haste and diligence to begin the establishment of United Methodist ministries in the communities and areas listed elsewhere.

That the Conference-wide campaign for Church Extension funds be vigorously pursued in every church in our Conference; to facilitate new buildings as they are needed by our existing churches, to aid in the purchase of property for new church sites, and to give initial salary support to help new ministries begin.

That we move firmly toward self-sufficiency as a conference in matters of program and administration, but that we continue to seek increasing help from other conferences for church extension.

### *DISCIPLESHIP*

#### A. Communications

The Chairperson of the Communications Committee should continue the study of the purchase of Videotape equipment.

A total package of camera, video recorder and a portable video recorder can be purchased for approximately \$2,000.

Since every home has a TV set and some churches have TV's, and because many homes now have videorecorders, it might be feasible for the churches to make use of videotapes in various training-education programs. These tapes could either be made on equipment owned by the conference and used in the Anchorage area or they could be rented from videotape libraries in the lower 48.

As time passes our own AV library could purchase and store such tapes.

The future use of videotape in church-wide education excites one's imagination.

## **B. Conference Council on Youth Ministries**

1. Two youth and one adult to attend the Jurisdictional Youth Caucus Event in Palo Alto, July 11-14. Funding for the event will come from Youth Service Fund grants from outside Conferences.

2. Youth coordinator to attend the National Youth Ministry forum in Estes Park, Colorado, September 22-26, 1980. Partial funding from the Conference Youth Budget (approximately \$150.)

3. Future of the CCOYM will be determined somewhat by the outcome of the Fairbanks event.

4. Continued support for the Southeast Convocation.

5. Continued support for another Regional Confirmation event.

6. Sponsor another Snow Camp at Birchwood.

7. Coordinate workteam experiences within, as well as outside of, Alaska.

8. Anticipate being involved in the 1981 (summer) National Youth Ministry Convocation - 2 youth, 1 adult and the possibility of encouraging other youth to participate on their own, perhaps with their local church as the sponsor.

## **C. Education**

1. Recognition of the following three special days:

a. Christian Education Sunday with opportunities to recognize all those involved with Christian Education and to receive a special offering in the fall.

b. Student Recognition Day enabling college students to participate in the worship service and to receive a special offering in December Christmas vacation.

c. Student Day in June with the recognition of high school graduates.

2. Offer MADD Workshops in the fall 1980 in Anchorage and in other areas of Alaska if there is a need. This would provide teacher training in the areas of music, art, drama and dancing.

3. Establish a communication link between education chairpersons in the state. This could be an idea exchange, lists of resources, etc.

4. Promote the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Church School in the local church schools sometime during the fall of 1980.

5. Become involved with adult ministries on the conference level. Explore new possibilities.

6. Chairpersons to be allowed to construct their own working committees.

## **D. Missioner**

1. Recommend to the Conference Council on Ministries to explore the use of the United Methodist Reporter in our Conference and empower the CCOM to act in whatever way they deem fit and use existing budgeted funds.

2. Continuing the present format of the Missioner; three issues per year.

## **E. Outdoor Ministry**

1. Promote United Methodist and "Inter-Church" camping programs throughout the state: publish and distribute Church Camp dates, deans and fees for camps held at Argetsinger, Bingle, Birchwood and possibly Salmon Lake Bible Camp (near Nome.)

2. Encourage inter-area participation in our Church Camp Program.

3. Provide seminars for Counselors and Deans in cooperation with the

Inter-Church Camping Committees.

4. Promote "Three R's Family Camps" (Rest, Reading and Reflection) within each local church. Methodology: one family makes basic plans for week-end camp and invites another family to accompany them; then invite other families, preferably on an open invitation basis.

5. Encourage more churches to use the funds available through the Advance Special: "Minority Children Advance Special Fund" in order to achieve more racial balance and integration within our Outdoor Ministries program. We can presently offer two full scholarships to any church willing to recruit minority children.

## LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

### A. Lay Leader

1. Organize and conduct a lay-clergy conference in the Spring of 1981. Suggested themes for the retreat are listed in order of priority: Church Growth/Evangelism, Lay Care Ministry, Christian Education, Christian Enrichment, Cursillo Workshop, Ethnic Minority Local Church, Communication Skills.

2. Organize for the on-going administration of the lay speaking program--coordinator, publicity, training, opportunities.

3. Work with the General Board of Discipleship in developing a lay care ministry program for the General Church, as referred by General Conference.

4. Work with lay leaders of our churches to define the role and responsibilities of the local church lay leader.

5. Attend the annual meeting of the Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders in February, 1981.

### B. Combined Report of the Stewardship Cultivation and Church Extension Committees

Jim Buffington presented an introduction to the combined report of the Stewardship Cultivation and Church Extension Committees as a means to facilitate the process of decision making. Jim stated that the following format would be used to share this information with the Conference: 1) Bob Smay would present the history of the Church Extension Crusade; 2) Jim would share information on the parameters of the project -- the amount of the goal and the committee's recommendations for how the funds are to be used; 3) Bob would present the priorities; 4) Juanita Ivie would present the plan for the crusade; 5) Jim would present the motion that would include the goal, the priorities, and programming.

1. Bob Smay reported that the history of the Church Extension Crusade dates back to 1976 when the recommendation to the Conference was for both church extension and pensions. The Conference voted to give the priority to the pension funding and church extension was to be held until the pension crusade was completed. The Committee was bringing to the Conference a recommendation for areas where new ministries are needed. This is for ministry and not for buildings.

2. Jim Buffington gave the parameters of the Crusade: the priority areas are Mat-Su Valley and Valdez; the goal is \$100,000; the primary concern is for ministry to people rather than building churches. A circuit rider or high-



ministry is primary. The goal is funding for persons to extend ministry in these areas. The funds are to be used for salary, travel allowance, and office expenses.

3. Bob Smay reported on the committee assignments. The recommendation for the priority areas are found on page 16 of the Pre-Conference Workbook; a. Mat-Su Valley, b. Valdez, c. Kodiak, d. Copper River Valley. Unalaska is not given priority at this time until further information is gathered.

4. Juanita Ivie reported on the work of the Office of Finance and Field Service and the structures needed to carry out the crusade in the AMC. The crusade will be held in each church. The local church can utilize her services for adding to the crusade the needs of the local budget and/or other local projects.

### C. Equitable Salary Commission

1. The Base Salary for 1981 shall be increased \$1200.00 over 1980 with the recommendation that \$600.00 of this increase be placed in a Tax Deferred Annuity Program with the United Methodist General Board of Pensions.

2. The Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) for 1981 are:

Anchorage Base	1.00
Sitka and Fairbanks	1.05
Kenai Peninsula	1.10
Nome	1.30
All others	1.00

3. The "Pastor's Compensation Guide, 1980" shall be edited to remove sexist language and was adopted by the Conference as a set of guidelines. The Guide is to help the laity and the local Pastor-Parish Relations committees to gain more insight into setting a reasonable and equitable salary for the pastor. The Guidelines pertain to the self-supporting churches only for 1981 and will be used by the Equitable Salary Commission for establishing salaries for 1982. (Guidelines are available through the Conference Office.)

## VIII. APPOINTMENTS

Superintendent of the  
Alaska Missionary Conference

Edmund B. Stanton 3

Anchorage:

Anchor Park

Arthur Edwards 2

Bayshore

Tyler C. Curtis 2

East Anchorage

Roger D. Robison 3

First Anchorage

James F. Buffington 3

Jewel Lake\*

Donald L. Hartman 6

St. John

John C. Forney 2

Turnagain

William G. Trudeau 6

Chugiak

Gregory L. Eicher 4

Douglas

Arthur P. Knight 1

Fairbanks

Richard K. Heacock, Jr. 1

First

First Associate	TBS	
Girdwood - University Community Ministry	David K. Fison	2
Homer Parish:		
Homer, Ninilchik, Seldovia	Keith B. Wise	9
Juneau: Northern Light United Church*	John R. Tindell	7
Kenai: Church of the New Covenant	Bradley Wade	1
Ketchikan: First	Oliver Auchenpaugh	3
Nome: Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish	John J. Shaffer	7
North Pole: New Hope Methodist-Presbyterian*	Claude E. Klaver**	4
North Star	R. Melvin Vostry	4
Seward-Moose Pass-Cooper Landing	Judith Bither-Terry	1
Sitka	R. Dan Amerson	3
Soldotna	Dennis B. Holway	4
Diaconal Minister Appointment:		
Norton Sound Regional Hospital	Priscilla Ringenburg	4

Special Appointments in Alaska of United Methodist Ministers, not members of Alaska Missionary Conference:

Executive Director, Alaska Children's Services	John C. Garvin	4
Associate Director, Alaska Children's Services	Walter L. Hays, Jr.	7
President, Alaska Pacific University	Glenn A. Olds	4
Director, United Campus Ministry, Fairbanks	Charles Young	3

\* A United Methodist-United Presbyterian Church

\*\* A United Presbyterian Minister serving a United Methodist-Presbyterian Church.

## IX. GOALS

### Plan for Goal Setting - 1980-81

The plan for setting goals for 1980-81 was developed in response to the following considerations:

1. The people in most United Methodist congregations, including those of the Alaska Missionary Conference, feel separate and apart from Conference programs.

2. People do not fully support programs in which they have no part in development. There are many good causes in which the church "should" be involved. However, the approach too frequently taken is to plan a project and then recruit "bodies" to carry it out. Our task as Christians is to love individuals and find ways that help them to discover their unique gifts and talents and to enable them to serve through those gifts and talents.

3. Alaska differs from other conferences in some critical ways. We are smaller in number of churches and number of United Methodists. This means there are fewer human resources available. We need to plan in ways that maximize our efforts. We must not try to do every valid program. It must suit the

calling and gifts of the people available to make it happen. We also, by virtue of size and high transportation costs, have fewer dollars available for Conference programs. Again, we need to maximize the effectiveness of the dollars we spend.

4. The United Methodist Church as a whole has for some time been trying to center more of its program direction in the local churches. The Alaska Missionary Conference can use its small size to its advantage in this effort. We can actually get in touch with virtually all our people and build programs on a firm foundation.

### **The Plan**

The general idea of the plan is to gather information from three sources. The three sources are the ministers, each administrative board of each church, and people attending church on two Sundays in September. We will gather information on areas of felt needs - personal needs for types of ministry, talents that can be shared beyond local church, types of Conference programs that have been helpful both to churches and individuals. The instruments to collect this information will be designed this summer. Input is being sought from other Conferences to help in this process.

### **Schedule of the Plan**

Aug. 1 - Forms sent out for use by Administrative Boards and ministers. They are to be completed by September 21. (Ideally a CCOM representative would be present at the Administrative Board meeting.)

Sept. 1. - Questionnaire packets for congregations are sent to the churches.

Sept. 14. - Ministry Sunday - Every church asks people attending to take a few minutes to respond. Completed questionnaires should be put in the Offering Plates.

Sept. 21 - Follow up to September 14. People not attending on the 14th will have the opportunity to complete forms.

Sept. 25 - All questionnaires from Administrative Boards, ministers, and congregations mailed to coordinator for organization and analysis.

Oct. 12-13 - CCOM meeting. Information from the churches is shared. CCOM begins to develop program possibilities that meet the interests and needs of the churches.

Feb. - CCOM meeting. Continue program goal development generating budget for 1982 to support the goals.

June - Present plan to Conference.

## **X. RULES OF THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE**

### **A. Organization**

1. Convening: The Alaska Missionary Conference shall meet on the date set by the bishop as provided in the DISCIPLINE (para. 701.2). The program committee shall consist of the bishop of the area, the superintendent of the conference, the secretary of the conference, and the pastor and lay leader of the local church. In the event that Alaska Pacific University is host, the president or his representatives shall be added to the committee, together with such pastors as the superintendent may appoint.

2. Membership: Sec. 1. Any United Methodist ordained minister appointed

by the National Division and the Bishop to service within the boundaries of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be a member of the Alaska Missionary Conference. At no time shall the clergy representation exceed lay representation.

Sec. 2. The institutions and agencies now related to the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church shall be full members of the Alaska Missionary Conference and that each be accorded no more than two voting delegates. These would be:

- Alaska Children's Services, Inc.
- Alaska Pacific University
- University Community Ministry, Anchorage
- Nome Community Center, Inc.
- United Campus Ministry, Inc. Fairbanks
- Wesleyan Nursing Home, Inc.

Sec. 3. Lay Membership from Churches: The Charge Conference of each charge of the Missionary Conference shall elect a lay member and one or more alternate members to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference quadrennially at the Charge Conference prior to the first Annual Meeting following the General Conference session. Each pastoral charge served by more than one minister in full connection shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are effective full-time ministers in full connection. Each congregation of a parish shall be entitled to a lay representative, provided there are not more than two representatives from each parish.

Sec. 4. Lay Members at Large: The Missionary Conference Lay Leader, the President of the United Methodist Women, the President of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) and two (2) youth delegates shall be members of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference. The youth delegates shall be selected by the CCYM and shall have been members of the United Methodist Church for one year.

Sec. 5. In case of the inability of a lay member or alternate lay member(s) to attend the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference sessions for any reason, the Charge Conference may elect a lay member to fill the vacancy on a permanent or temporary basis.

Sec. 6. Any layperson not a member of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference who is an officer of the Alaska Missionary Conference or one of its agencies, boards, commissions, committees, task forces, or societies, shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor, without vote, on matters relating to the report of the said agency, board, commission, committee, task force or society.

Sec. 7. In order to achieve equal lay and clerical representation at the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference, the Bishop and Conference Superintendent shall appoint a committee each year to select lay representation to equal clerical.

Sec. 8. The following shall be seated in the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference and shall be given the privilege of the floor without vote: lay pastors who are in charge of pastoral appointments; lay home missionaries, both men and women, related to the Board of Global Ministries and deaconesses serving within the bounds of the Missionary Conference. By authorization of the Alaska Missionary Conference, national workers may be given the same privileges, as well as pastors of ecumenical parishes, administrators of other denominations, and ordained United Methodist ministers who are not otherwise delegates of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

### **3. Officers: Alaska Missionary Conference Officers:**

Sec. 1. At the last Annual Meeting preceding the General Conference, an Alaska Missionary Conference Secretary and Statistician shall be elected to serve for the succeeding quadrennium. They shall be nominated by the nominating committee.

The Secretary and Statistician shall nominate their assistants annually or appoint them ad interim for confirmation by the Missionary Conference.

Sec. 2. The Alaska Missionary Conference Treasurer shall be elected quadrennially at the session of the Alaska Missionary Conference following General Conference upon nomination of the Council on Finance and Administration.

4. Membership and Tenure of General Committees and Standing Committees that function throughout the year representing the following broad concerns:

#### **CHURCH AND SOCIETY**

Social Concerns, Native Issues (Education), Hunger, Legislative Action, Status and Role of Women, Religion and Race, Health and Welfare.

#### **DISCIPLESHIP**

Education, Communication/A-V, Historical Society, Worship, Higher Education, Outdoor Ministries, Youth.

#### **LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

Lay Activities, Leadership Education, Hospital and Medical Expense Program, Stewardship.

#### **GLOBAL MINISTRIES**

Global Concerns, Evangelism, Church Extension, Native Ministries, Ecumenical Affairs, United Methodist Women.

Sec. 1. There shall be the following standing committees: Council on Finance and Administration, Committee on Reference and Counsel, Church Location and Building, Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Equitable Salary Commission, and Board of Pensions, Conference Board of Trustees, Continuing Consultation Committee with the National Division, Conference Council on Youth Ministries, Board of Diaconal Ministry, Committee on Episcopacy and Conference Superintendency, Board of Ordained Ministry, Alaska Christian Conference Delegation, Religion and Race, and Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Sec. 2. All general committees and standing committees of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be nominated by the Alaska Missionary Conference nominating committee.

Sec. 3. All general committees and standing committees shall have plenary power in the interim between sessions of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference for confirmation.

Sec. 4. No person shall serve on any one general committee or standing committee of the Alaska Missionary conference whose members are elected by the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference more than eight years and no chairperson for more than four years with the following exceptions and provisions:

a. One or two years service to fill a vacancy on a quadrennial general committee or standing committee shall not count for the purpose of this rule.

b. In the case of a committee elected in three year or other term classes, the maximum period of consecutive service shall be two terms with the provision that a one-year appointment to fill a vacancy prior to the first term shall not count to the purpose of this rule.

c. Persons who are members of a general committee or standing committee ex-officio shall not be affected by this rule.

Sec. 5. Standing committees shall organize, with chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEES AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE UPON NOMINATION BY THE CONFERENCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The Committees shall further organize with vice-chairpersons and secretary. Where feasible, both clergy and lay persons, vice-chairperson and secretary of each general committee shall be indicated in the Alaska Missionary Conference Journal.

a. Membership on the General Committees shall be:

1. As Executive Committee:

Church and Society Chairperson

Health and Welfare Ministries chairperson

Christian Social Concerns chairperson

Native Issues (Education) chairperson

Hunger chairperson

Legislative Action chairperson

Status and Role of Women chairperson

Religion and Race chairperson

Discipleship Chairperson

Education chairperson

Communications chairperson

Board of Ordained Ministry chairperson

Conference Historical Society chairperson

Worship chairperson

Higher Education chairperson

Outdoor Ministry chairperson

Global Ministries Chairperson

Global Concerns chairperson

Evangelism chairperson

Ecumenical Affairs chairperson

Church Extension chairperson

Native Ministries chairperson

Ethnic Minority Funding chairperson

Lay Activities and Temporal Economy Chairperson

Pensions chairperson

Hospital and Medical Insurance chairperson

Leadership Development chairperson

Stewardship chairperson

Ex-officio: Lay Leader

Council on Finance and Administration President

Equitable Salaries Commission Chairperson

2. As Conference Committees, those officially seated at Annual Meeting shall be assigned by the Nominating Committee to serve on a General Committee for the duration of that Annual Meeting. Both clergy and laity shall be represented on the committees.

b. General Committees have authority to develop Task Forces on specific concerns as needed, making the chairpersons of those task forces full voting members of General Committees.

Sec. 6. (a) The General Committees shall function as the legislative committees during the session of the Annual Meeting.

(b) The Chairpersons of the General Committees or others designated by them may present their reports as they are readied. The report of any General Committee shall not exceed one hour in length until each General Committee has reported and only then shall additional time become available for reports of a General Committee.

(c) General Committees which have not completed their work in the time allotted to them in the Annual Meeting Program may call such additional subcommittee or full committee meetings as necessary when not in conflict with the business session of the Annual Meeting to handle matters of reference arising in the Annual Meeting sessions after the regular scheduled General Committee meetings have been completed. The executive committee of each General Committee, consisting of the chairperson, secretary and sub-section chairpersons, is empowered to act for the whole section.

(d) A special standing committee known as the Committee on Reference and Counsel shall be nominated and elected from the floor at the last session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference preceding the General Conference to serve for the succeeding quadrennium to act on the rules, journal, appreciation, audit, and nominating committee. It shall consist of five laypersons and four ministers, one of which shall be the Missionary Conference Superintendent. When it is acting in the capacity of the Nominating Committee, the Missionary Conference Superintendent is the chairperson, but at all other times its elected chairperson presides.

(e) The reports and work of the following Missionary Conference groups are not reported through the General Committees: Committee on Reference and Counsel, Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Council on Ministries, Board of Diaconal Ministry, General Conference Petitions, Board of Ordained Ministry, Committee on Episcopacy and Conference Superintendency and special committees.

(f) The duties of the General Committees during Annual Meeting follow: To receive all resolutions, recommendations and proposals for Annual Meeting pronouncements, promotional programs and methods of procedure, affecting the Alaska Missionary Conference and the promotional groups from any and all commissions, boards, and committees, institutions and members; to hear and consider all such matters; to formulate reports on same and present them to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference; however, this is not to preclude minority reports on any recommendations. The Annual Meeting is empowered to assign recommendations to the appropriate General Committees and to withdraw and reassign said recommendations at any time before a report on said recommendation is brought in. The General Committees are empowered to indicate resolutions falling within the general scope of their field.

(g) Membership of the General Committees shall be:

	Lay	Clergy
Church and Society	10	6
Discipleship	20	8
Lay Activities and Temporal Economy	8	4
Global Ministries	12	6

(h) Membership on Standing Committees shall be:

	Lay	Clergy
Council on Finance and Administration	5	4
Committee on Reference and Counsel	5	4
Church Location and Building		
Southeast	3	3
North and Central	3	3
Board of Pensions	2	2
Conference Board of Trustees	4	4
Stewardship Cultivation	3	3
Consultation with National Division	2	2
Committee on Episcopacy and		
Conference Superintendency	4	3
Religion and Race	3	2
Status and Role of Women	5	2
Alaska Christian Conference Delegation	3	2
Board of Diaconal Ministry		One Diaconal person and Council on Minis.

(1) Delegates of the Alaska Missionary Conference to the Alaska Christian Conference who serve by virtue of their office shall serve during their effective appointment or quadrennial term. All other delegates shall serve for a quadrennial term, nominated by the first session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference following the General Conference. The number of delegates are determined by the Alaska Christian Conference formula. Delegates at large shall serve one year periods.

(j) The Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall elect such other commissions, committees, and task forces as necessary to carry out its work.

(k) Members of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall serve as elected members of not more than two general committees or standing committees concurrently.

(l) The Committee on Episcopacy and Conference Superintendency shall consist of seven persons (four lay and three clergy.) One member may be appointed by the Bishop, and one member may be appointed by the Conference Superintendent, with the balance to be elected for the quadrennium at the first session of the Alaska Missionary Conference following General Conference.

## B. Procedures

1. When a member desires to present any business, or speak to any question, the member shall rise and address the presiding officer, and when recognized, may proceed, restricting their remarks to the subject before the meeting.

2. The hours of convening and adjourning the sessions of the meeting shall be fixed by the Program Committee. The printed program shall be presented for adoption as the order of the meeting at the time of the organization of the meeting.

3. When absence from the various business sessions is necessary, permission from the presiding officer shall be secured.

4. Offerings at the Communion Service and for conference expenses are



approved. Other offerings shall have prior approval by the Alaska Missionary Conference.

5. Visitors may be given the privilege of the floor without vote by the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

6. The pastors shall submit the statistical report and the financial report respectively to the statistician and the treasurer as requested by these officers.

Sec. 1. The fiscal year in the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be the calendar year beginning with January 1 and closing with December 31. The Alaska Missionary Conference Treasurer shall close the financial records of the Missionary Conference as of December 31, and all remittances must be received in the office by that date in order to receive credit for the fiscal year.

Sec. 2. The July salary shall be paid to the minister by the local church to which he/she is appointed in the Alaska Missionary Conference at the session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Sec. 3. All requests for Missionary Conference apportionments upon the charges or the pastors shall first have to be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration, and no apportionments shall be made until the Council shall have made its report. If the report is negative, a two-thirds majority vote of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be required to reverse the recommendation of the Commission.

7. Sec. 1. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER shall govern all questions of procedure when the rules adopted by the Alaska Missionary Conference or the UNITED METHODIST DISCIPLINE do not apply.

Sec. 2. All proposals designated as permanent regulations of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be first submitted to the Rules Committee, whose duty it shall be to consider the proposal and then make a report on it with recommendations to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference. In order to change an Alaska Missionary Conference Rule, or to provide for a new Alaska Missionary Conference Rule, the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference must vote change specifically, by Rule and Section number.

Sec. 3. New, revised, amended, or rescinded Rules may originate as follows: by recommendations from any General Commission, board, or committee which does not report through the General Committee; from the Conference Superintendent; or over the signature of three members of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference. Individual members may submit proposals to the Rules Committee for consideration, but in such case the committee is not bound to report the proposed change on the floor of the Annual Meeting.

8. All business of the Meeting not brought forward by the presiding officer may be introduced by a motion from the floor.

9. Reports that are to be printed in the Pre-Conference Handbook of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be submitted to the Conference Office by April 15, preceding the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

### C. Resolutions and Motions

1. All resolutions and motions introduced by a member shall be in written form and submitted to the secretary on request. Any resolution or motion so introduced may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before amended or adopted.

The name of persons presenting a resolution or motion which is adopted shall be recorded in the Minutes.

2. No one may speak more than once on any question before the Meeting until everyone who desires to speak shall have spoken. Where persons of opposing views wish the floor, the presiding officer shall alternate recognizing the proponents and opponents of the motion in question.

3. When any motion is laid on the table, it may be taken therefrom by a majority vote of the Meeting and may be made the order of the day for any session or hour thereafter.

4. All motions, except those of privilege, originating on the floor, shall be referred to the appropriate General Committee for study and report, unless consideration of same is passed by two-thirds vote of members present.

#### D. Journal

1. The record of daily proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference as signed by the presiding officer and the secretary and printed in the official Journal shall be considered the official minutes.

2. All narrative material to be published in the official Journal shall be submitted in quadruplicate to the secretary not later than midnight of the day of adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference. Material submitted later may be omitted from the Journal unless arrangements are made with the secretary to receive late material.

#### E. 1973 Rulings of Bishop Jack M. Tuell bearing on the question of membership in the Alaska Missionary Conference Annual Meeting

1. "There is nothing in the BOOK OF DISCIPLINE that requires representatives of mission agencies to the mission conference to be members of the United Methodist Church."

2. "The DISCIPLINE requires that lay members representing pastoral charges in a Missionary Conference be members of the United Methodist Church."

3. "When a minister of another denomination properly qualifies under paragraph 376.6 (1972 DISCIPLINE), he may vote in a missionary conference in the same way as an associate member of an Annual Conference."

#### F. Amendments

1. The rules of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference may be amended or suspended on the first day of the Annual Meeting by a majority vote. At all other times, amendment or suspension of rules shall require a two-thirds vote.

#### G. Council on Ministries

Sec. 1. The purpose of the Council on Ministries shall be:

(a) to receive program recommendations from the local churches, the Missionary Conference, the Jurisdictional and General Council on Ministries.

(b) to develop these recommendations into a coordinated program to be recommended to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference for consideration, amendment, and adoption as the Conference program; and

(c) to provide implementation for an administration of the coordinated program as adopted by the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Sec. 2. The voting membership shall consist of the following: the Alaska Missionary Conference President of the United Methodist Women, the Alaska Missionary Conference Lay Leader, one youth, the chairpersons of the four

General Committees, the Bishop, the Missionary Conference Superintendent, a representative of the Alaska Native Ministries Committee, and three members-at-large. The members-at-large shall be chosen in such a way that the total voting membership includes at least two women and as near as possible an equal representation of the laity and clergy. The President of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration and the Coordinator of the Conference Council on Ministries shall be members without vote.

Sec. 3. The officers shall be chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and Coordinator of Conference Council on Ministries. These officers, plus one other person chosen at large, constitute the executive committee.

Sec. 4. The Conference Council on Ministries shall meet three times per year, as funds permit.

## **XI. ROLL OF THE HONORED DEAD**

### **IN MEMORY**

"All who are led by the spirit of God are sons of God."

... Romans 8:14

#### **BISHOPS**

Robert B. Amstutz  
Enrique C. Balloch  
Gerald H. Kennedy  
Frederick B. Newell  
Thomas M. Pryor

#### **WIVES OF BISHOPS**

Ethel C. Clair (Mrs. Matthew W.)  
Rebecca L. Harmon (Mrs. Nolan B.)  
Juana Puch de Sabanes  
Maria Wunderlich (Mrs. Friederich)

#### **LAY PERSONS**

Anchor Park, Anchorage  
Jess Edge  
First, Anchorage  
Clayton Carruthers  
Vernon More  
Faye Wright  
Marguerite Downey

East Anchorage  
George A. Wooster

Sitka  
Fred Ashby

Seward Memorial  
Victor Mahan

Moose Pass  
Frank D. Gibbons

First, Fairbanks  
Robert Mitchell  
Archie L. Barber, Sr.

## XII. CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

(See 1966 JOURNAL, p. 83, for 1-25 Sessions of Alaska Mission.)

(See 1971 JOURNAL, p. 110, for 26-30 Sessions of Alaska Mission.)

No.	Year	Place	Bishop	Supt.	Host(s)
1	1972	AMU - Anchorage	Sparks	Wischmeier	Picton
2	1973	AMU - Anchorage	Tuell	Wischmeier	Picton
3	1974	AMU - Anchorage	Tuell	Wischmeier	Picton
4	1975	AMU - Anchorage	Tuell	Wischmeier	Gay
5	1976	First - Fairbanks	Tuell	Wischmeier	Smith
6	1977	Northern Light - Juneau	Tuell	Wischmeier	Tindall
		Douglas Community - Douglas			McNabb
7	1978	Church of New Covenant Kenai	Tuell	Wischmeier	Knight Holway Vostry
8	1979	First UMC - Anchorage	Tuell	Stanton	Buffington
		AK Pacific U. - Anchorage			Olds
9	1980	First - Fairbanks	Tuell	Stanton	Jewell
		North Pole United Church			Klaver

## XIII. CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN ALASKA

(See 1966 JOURNAL for 1886-1966 Records.)

(See 1971 JOURNAL for 1962-1970 Records.)

Name	First Year of Appointment	Appointments in Alaska
August Aamodt	1972	Soldotna - N. Kenai
Richard Morrison	1972	Anchorage Tri-Anchor Parish
Boone White	1972	Anchorage First
Keith Wise	1972	Homer Parish
Max Cramer	1973 (1966)*	Seward, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing Ketchikan
Richard Smith	1974	Fairbanks First
Raymond Baines	1974 (1963)*	Alaska Native Ministries
Robert McNabb	1974	Douglas
R. Melvin Vostry	1974	Pipeline Chaplain; North Kenai
John Garvin	1975	Director, Alaska Children's Services
Roger Robison	1975	Sitka; Anch. - East Anch.

Arthur P. Knight	1976	Kenai; Douglas
Revelle Roach	1976 (1958) *	Seward, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing
Leroy Davis	1977	Anch. - Anchor Park
Lucretia H. Davis	1977	Anch. - Anchor Park
Barbara S. Eicher	1977	Anch. - First, Associate
Gregory L. Eicher	1977	Chugiak
Dennis B. Holway	1977	Soldotna
Claude E. Klaver	1977	North Pole United Church
Paul O. Jewell	1977	Fairbanks - First
Glenn A. Olds	1977	President, Alaska Pacific Univ.
R. Dan Amerson	1978	Sitka
Oliver Auchenpaugh	1978	Ketchikan
James Buffington	1978	Anch. - First
Betty Luginbill	1978	Fairbanks - First
Edmund Stanton	1978 (1956) *	Superintendent
Charles Young	1978	Dir., UCM, Fairbanks
Tyler C. Curtis	1979	Anch. - Bayshore
Arthur Edwards	1979	Anch. - Anchor Park
John C. Forney	1979	Anch. - St. John
Richard K. Heacock, Jr.	1980(1955) *	Fairbanks - First
Judith Bither-Terry	1980	Seward, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing
Bradley Wade	1980	Kenai

\* See 1966 JOURNAL for previous service in the Alaska Mission

#### XIV. PASTORAL RECORDS

AMERSON, RODGER DAN . . . . . Texas  
 Texas Annual Conference; On trial, 1972; E, 1978; EDUCATION: McMurry College, Abilene, Texas, 1971; Perkins School of Theology, 1975; APPOINTMENTS: Follett UMC, Follett, Texas, 1975; Gethsemane UMC, Houston, Texas, 1976; Alaska Missionary Conference, Sitka, 1978; WIFE: Debra Ann; CHILDREN: Leanna Paige, Douglas Hayes

AUCHENPAUGH, OLIVER EDWIN. . . . . Virginia  
 Virginia Conference; On trial, 1975; D, 1975; E, 1977; EDUCATION: Rollins, 1973; Candler School of Theology, 1976; APPOINTMENTS: Cartersville (Georgia), Minister of Music, 1973; Mt. Pleasant (Virginia), 1976; Alaska Missionary Conference, Ketchikan, 11/1/78; WIFE: Betty Faye; CHILDREN: Richard, Robert, Allen

BITHER-TERRY, JUDITH ANN . . . . . Cal/Nevada  
 California/Nevada Conference; On trial, 1974; D, 1974; E, 1976; EDUCATION: Cal. State University, Stanislaus, 1971; Pacific School of Religion, 1975; APPOINTMENTS: Court St., Alameda, 1974; Citrus Heights, 1975; To attend school, 1979; Alaska Missionary Conference, Seward, 1980; HUSBAND: Gregg Russell; CHILDREN: Russell

BUFFINGTON, JAMES WESLEY . . . . . Oregon-Idaho  
 Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1970; D, 1970; E, 1972; EDUCATION:

Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa, 1968; Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 1971; APPOINTMENTS: Sutherlin-Wilbur, 1971; Ontario, 1974; Alaska Missionary Conference, Anchorage First, 1978; WIFE: Christie Lou; CHILDREN: Michael James

CURTIS, TYLER CORNIELOUS. . . . . Pacific and Southwest Pacific and Southwest Conference; On trial, 1971; D, 1971; E, 1975; EDUCATION: Northwestern University, 1959; Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1973; APPOINTMENTS: Grace Long Beach, Associate, 1969; Footville and Plymouth (Wisconsin), 1970; Berry Memorial, Chicago, 1972; St. Michael's, Lake Havasu City (Arizona), 1973; First, Glendale, Cal., Assoc., 1977; Alaska Missionary Conference, Bayshore, 1979; WIFE: Bonnie; CHILDREN: Tyler C., III, Robert S., Gregory S., Catherine R.

EDWARDS, ARTHUR W. . . . . Pacific Northwest Pacific Northwest Conference; On trial, 1972; D, 1972; E, 1975; EDUCATION: University of Delaware, 1970; Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1973; APPOINTMENTS: First, Vancouver (Washington), Associate, 1973; Orofino and Peck, Idaho, 1975; Alaska Missionary Conference, Anchor Park, Anchorage, 1979; WIFE: Joyce; CHILDREN: Suzanne Marie, Amy Elizabeth

EICHER, GREGORY LANE. . . . . Kansas West Kansas West Conference; On trial, 1975; D, 1975; E, 1980; EDUCATION: Kansas State University, 1970; Iliff School of Theology, 1977; APPOINTMENTS: To attend school, 1975; Intern year, Twin Valley Parish; Alaska Missionary Conference, Chugiak, 1977; WIFE: Barbara Scott; CHILDREN: Arianne Davina

FISON, DAVID KONRAD . . . . . Northern Illinois Rock River Conference; On trial, 1954; D, 1954; E, 1956; EDUCATION: William Jewell College, 1952; Garrett Theology Seminary, 1956; APPOINTMENTS: Southwest Missouri, Bates City, 1949; Rock River, Malden, 1952; Ingelside, 1954; South Deering, 1956; Alaska Mission, Anchorage (Co-pastor) 1960; Ketchikan, 1961; Fairbanks, 1966; St. John-Hope-Girdwood-Bayshore West, 1972; St. John-Hope-Bayshore West, 1975; St. John-Bayshore West, 1976; St. John, 1977; Girdwood-University Community Ministry, 1979; WIFE: Aleen; CHILDREN: Susan Renee, Deborah Ann, Paul Wesley, Jane Elizabeth, David James

FORNEY, JOHN C. . . . . Pacific and Southwest Pacific and Southwest Conference; On trial, 1970; D, 1970; E, 1976; EDUCATION: Cerritos College, 1963; Cal. State, L.A., 1969; Claremont School of Theology, 1975; APPOINTMENTS: Inyokern and Randsburg, 1973; Joshua Parish, 1976; Alaska Missionary Conference, St. John, Anchorage, 1979; WIFE: Jai

GARVIN, JOHN CHARLES\* . . . . . Western Pennsylvania Transfer from United Presbyterian Church to Western Pennsylvania Conference; E, 1962; EDUCATION: University of Pittsburgh, 1955; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1961; Graduate School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 1970, 1972; PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 1976; APPOINT-

MENTS: Pittsburgh, Smithfield Street, (Associate) Bethany House, 1962; Pittsburgh, Church of Our Saviour, 1966; Calvary-Evergreen, 1971; Alaska Children's Services, 1975; WIFE: Audrey C., CHILDREN: Barbara, Sally, Janice, Clark, Kenneth, David, Julianne, Lynette

HARTMAN, DONALD LEE . . . . . Western Pennsylvania Pittsburgh Conference; On trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1962; EDUCATION: Asbury College, 1958; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1962; APPOINTMENTS: Kentucky, Mitchellsburg-Wesley Chapel, 1957; Western Pennsylvania, McKeesport-Christy Park, 1958; Pittsburgh, Emory (Associate), 1962; Pittsburgh, Bethany House Inner City Ministry, 1964; Alaska Mission, First Anchorage (Associate), 1966; Anchorage First, (Associate) and Girdwood, 1968; Sitka, 1970; Jewel Lake-Girdwood, 1975; WIFE: Alma; CHILDREN: Karl Bradford, Jeanette Lynn, Kurt Brian, Janet Lee

HAYS, WALTER LEE, JR.\* . . . . Pacific and Southwest Ohio Conference; On trial, 1961; Full Connection, 1963; D, 1961; E, 1963; EDUCATION: University of Cincinnati, 1960; Methodist Theological School, Ohio, 1963; APPOINTMENTS: Ohio, Newark First (Assistant), 1960; Trinity, Columbus (Assistant), 1961; Alaska Mission, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, 1963; Director of the Program Council, 1969; Nome, 1971; Southern California-Arizona Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, First (Associate), 1973; Director of Development, Alaska Children's Services, 1974; Associate Director, 1976; WIFE: Lydia Lou; CHILDREN: Thomas Campbell, Robert Kim, Kenneth Richard

HEACOCK, RICHARD KNOWLES, JR. . . . . Southwest Texas Southwest Texas Conference; On trial, 1949; D, 1951; E, 1952; EDUCATION: Southwestern University, 1948; Perkins School of Theology, 1951; APPOINTMENTS: Ingleside (Texas), 1951; Alaska Mission, Anchorage First (Associate), 1955; Juneau, 1956; General Board of CSC (UMOUN), 1966; Gen. Bd. of Global Ministries (UMOUN), 1969; Southwest Texas, Decker, 1971; Oak Park, 1972; Sabbatical, 1975; Goliad-Fannin, 1976; Alaska Missionary Conference, Fairbanks, 1980; WIFE: Grace Anne; CHILDREN: Luanne, Lorelle, Linnea, Lavonne, Kay, Jamie, Eric

HOLWAY, DENNIS BOYDEN. . . . . Pacific and Southwest Southern California-Arizona Conference; On trial, 1968; D, 1968; E, 1974; EDUCATION: California Western University, 1967; Boston University School of Theology, 1970; APPOINTMENTS: Minister of Youth, Glendale First, 1970; Associate Pastor, Mesa Verde, Costa Mesa, 1975; Alaska Missionary Conference, Soldotna, 1977; WIFE: Susan Joy; CHILDREN: Todd Edward, Blake Boyden

KLAVER, CLAUDE EUGENE . . . . . Presbytery of Madison, UPCUSA Member of Presbytery, Yukon, Synod of Alaska-Northwest, United Presbyterian Church, USA; Ordained, 1953, in the Presbytery of Waukon; EDUCATION: University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, 1953; Summer work at Iowa State College and Wheaton College; APPOINTMENTS: Linn Grove, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, 1951; Salem-Hope, Pershing, Missouri, 1953; Yakutat, Alaska, 1954; Mobile Missionary Pastor, Southcentral Alaska and Wasilla, 1958; First Presbyterian Church and Rosedale Presbyterian Church, Pardeeville, Wisconsin

sin, 1965; First United Presbyterian Church, Piper City, Illinois, 1974; New Hope Methodist-Presbyterian Church, North Pole, Alaska, 1977; WIFE: Joan; CHILDREN: Kathleen Ellen, Rachel Irene, Timothy Lee, Claudia Sue

**KNIGHT, ARTHUR P.** . . . . . Oregon-Idaho  
Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1974; D, 1974; E, 1978; EDUCATION: University of Puget Sound, 1949; Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio, 1976; APPOINTMENTS: East Ohio Conference, Fresno, 1974; Alaska Missionary Conference, Kenai Church of the New Covenant, 1976; Douglas, 1980; WIFE: Luvinia Dean (LuDean); CHILDREN: Susan Holstein, George Edward III

**OLDS, GLENN A.** . . . . . Oregon-Idaho  
Oregon Conference; On trial, 1943; E, 1945; EDUCATION: Willamette University, 1942; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1945; Northwestern University, M.A., 1945; Yale, Ph.D., 1948; APPOINTMENTS: Harrisburg, Ore., 1939; First, Salem, 1940; Irving Park (Chicago), 1942; Oak Park, 1944; Wesley Foundation, (New Haven), 1945; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1948; Chaplain, U. of Denver, 1951; Director, Rel. Work, Cornell, 1954; President, Springfield College, 1958; Dean, SUNY (N.Y.), 1965; Amb. to United Nations, 1969; President, Kent State, 1971; President, Alaska Pacific University, 1977; WIFE: Eva Belle; CHILDREN: Linda E., Richard

**ROBISON, ROGER D.** . . . . . Yellowstone  
Ohio Conference; On trial, 1943; Full member, 1945; EDUCATION: Dartmouth College, 1942; Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, 1945; APPOINTMENTS: Ohio-Conference; Weston, 1945; Montana Conference, now Yellowstone, Corvallis, 1947; Ft. Benton, 1951; Superintendent, Billings District, 1957; Great Falls, Christ Church, 1961; Superintendent, Billings District, 1966; Butte United Methodist Parish, Co-pastor, 1972; Alaska Missionary Conference, Sitka, 1975; East Anchorage, 1978; WIFE: Olive; CHILDREN: David, Helen, James, Thomas, Philip

**SHAFFER, JOHN JAY** . . . . . Central Illinois  
Central Illinois Conference; On trial, 1960; D, 1960; E, 1962; EDUCATION: Illinois Wesleyan University, 1959; Garrett Evangelical Seminary, 1962; APPOINTMENTS: Central Illinois Conference, Wapella, 1958; Danville, St. James (Associate), 1959; Alaska Mission, Kenai, 1962; Chugiak, 1965; Juneau, 1969; Juneau-Douglas, 1970; Nome, Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish, 1976; WIFE: Barbara

**STANTON, EDMUND BRADLEY** . . . . . Oregon-Idaho  
Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1950; D, 1952; E, 1955; EDUCATION: University of Puget Sound, 1950; Garrett Evangelical Seminary (B.D.), 1953; Updated to M. Div., 1972; APPOINTMENTS: Chiloquin, Oregon, 1953; Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1956; Metlakatla, 1961; Oregon-Idaho Conference, American Falls, 1962; Caldwell, 1965; Gooding, 1968; Boise-Whitney, 1971; Alaska Missionary Conference Superintendent, 1978; WIFE: Blythe C.; CHILDREN: Wesley Edmund, Judith Lynn, Janet Kay



**TINDELL, JOHN RAYMOND** . . . . . Florida  
Florida Conference; On trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1963; EDUCATION: Florida  
Southern College, 1958; Candler School of Theology, 1961; Student University  
of Edinburg, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Florida Conference, Mirimar, 1961;  
Alaska Mission, Sitka, 1965; East Anchorage, 1970; Juneau-Northern Light  
United Church, 1974; WIFE: Beryl; CHILDREN: Raymond Sidney, Cynthia  
Adair

**TRUDEAU, WILLIAM GEORGE** . . . . . Detroit  
Detroit Conference; On trial, 1965; D, 1965; E, 1969; EDUCATION: Adrian  
College, 1964; Perkins School of Theology, 1968; APPOINTMENTS: Wesley  
Foundation, Ohio State University (Associate), 1967; Alaska Mission, Doug-  
las, 1968; Nome Community Center, Inc., Director, 1970; Nome Church,  
Director of Community Center, 1973; Turnagian, 1974; WIFE: Danita; CHIL-  
DREN: David William

**VOSTRY, ROBERT MELVIN** . . . . . Detroit  
Detroit Conference; On trial, 1973; D, 1973; E, 1979; EDUCATION: Central  
Michigan University, Asbury Theological Seminary, 1977; APPOINTMENTS:  
Alaska Missionary Conference, Chaplain, Trans-Alaska Pipeline, 1975; Work-  
er-Priest, North Star, 1977; North Star, 1978; WIFE: Debbie

**WADE, BRADLEY D.** . . . . . Central Illinois  
Central Illinois Conference; On trial, 1975; D, 1975; E, 1978; EDUCATION:  
Sangamon State University, 1974; Drew Theological Seminary, 1977; AP-  
POINTMENTS: Hope, Streator, Ill., 1977; Alaska Missionary Conference, Ke-  
nai, 1980; WIFE: Marcia L.; CHILDREN: Adam Wesley, Andrew Douglass

**WISE, KEITH BURNELL** . . . . . Southern New Jersey  
East Pennsylvania Conference (EUB); On trial, 1962; E, 1964; EDUCATION:  
Lebanon Valley College, 1961; United Theological Seminary, 1964; AP-  
POINTMENTS: Student Pastor, Belle Grove, Pa., 1960; Youth Director, Santa  
Clara Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio, 1961; Wiconisco-Loyalton, 1964;  
Clarksboro, 1968; Clarksboro, Southern New Jersey Conference, 1969; Alas-  
ka Missionary Conference, Homer Parish, 1972; WIFE: Patricia; CHILDREN:  
Kathleen, Michael, Matthew, Kristin

**YOUNG, CHARLES LESLIE\*** . . . . . Northern Illinois  
Northern Illinois/Alaska Missionary Conference - Special Appointment Class  
II; On trial, 1962; D, 1962; E, 1966; EDUCATION: Ohio Wesleyan Universi-  
ty, 1961; Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1966; APPOINTMENTS:  
Grace, Lake Bluff (Associate), 1962; Harlem, Rockford, Ill., 1966; Director  
of Genesis House Community Center, 1969; North Boone Parish, 1973; Uni-  
ted Campus Ministry, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 1978; WIFE: Gerry  
Arleta; CHILDREN: Julie Ann, Allison Anne, Christopher George

Diaconal Minister

**RINGENBURG, PRISCILLA** . . . . . West Ohio  
Commissioned Deaconess, West Ohio Conference, 1975; Diaconal Minister,  
1978; APPOINTMENTS: Methodist Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, 1975;  
Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Nome, 1976; Norton Sound Regional  
Hospital, 1977

\* Indicates special appointments in Alaska by another bishop.

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